WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on fighting prostate cancer in the European Union

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Written declaration, under Rule 123 of Parliament’s Rules of Procedure, on fighting prostate cancer in the European Union¹

1. Prostate cancer is the leading cause of cancer in men, with 417 000 new cases diagnosed and 90 000 deaths annually.

2. The use of the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test to detect prostate cancer at an early stage significantly lowers the death rate and the prevalence of metastasis.


4. Injudicious use of PSA tests can lead to undesired side effects and harm men unnecessarily treated for cancers with low degrees of malignancy.

5. The Council and the Commission are hence called on to:
   – support the making available of PSA testing and risk assessment for prostate cancer,
   – encourage education and information on risk factors and symptoms,
   – promote prostate cancer treatment managed by multi-professional teams in centres of excellence,
   – support comprehensive and patient-tailored prostate cancer care,
   – support research on more specific tools for better detection and discrimination between risk groups.

6. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

¹ Under Rule 123(4) and (5) of Parliament’s Rules of Procedure, where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament’s component Members, it is published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.