WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure

on the healthcare of transgender persons

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament’s Rules of Procedure, on the healthcare of transgender persons\(^1\)

1. In addition to general healthcare, transgender persons face a number of particular health disparities which affect this group disproportionately, if not uniquely, compared to the overall population.

2. Access to general healthcare is particularly problematic for transgender persons, with one in five transgender persons feeling discriminated against by healthcare or social service personnel because they are transgender.

3. The Commission has been working towards supporting the declassification of transgenderism as a mental illness in the World Health Organisation’s International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems and towards a reclassification to ensure that those who seek it have access to trans-specific healthcare.

4. Openness by transgender persons to healthcare personnel about being transgender remains an issue for accessing appropriate healthcare across the European Union and compounds the problems of providing such healthcare for transgender individuals.

5. The Commission is hereby called upon to introduce recommendations to better ensure that transgender-specific healthcare services are available and that transgender persons can enjoy equal and respectful treatment when accessing healthcare services.

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

\(^1\) Under Rule 136(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.