WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure

on supporting the growth of accessible toilets in the EU

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1. Serious shortcomings remain in the provision of accessible toilets across the EU, but this is particularly true in the case of toilets which are suitably equipped for people with profound learning and physical disabilities, who often need extra facilities and space to be able to use toilets safely.

2. ‘Changing places’ toilets are a good example of enhanced accessible toilets, with some 800 already in existence, including at a number of European airports. Parliament has previously supported the provision of enhanced accessible toilets (such as ‘changing places’) in EU airports having an annual throughput of more than one million passengers.

3. In full consultation with people with disabilities and their representative organisations, the Commission and the Council are called upon to:

   (a) encourage the Member States to provide enhanced accessible toilets (such as ‘changing places’) in appropriate locations, including airports, train stations, motorway service stations and city centres.

   (b) promote initiatives aimed at giving greater consideration to this issue.

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

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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.