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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure

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on endometriosis

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Written declaration on endometriosis

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. acknowledging that endometriosis is a medical condition that affects one in ten women in the European Union,
- B. noting that it is estimated that, each year, sick leave in the EU due to endometriosis costs € 22.5 billion,
- C. noting that there is no EU Endometriosis Day and that awareness of the condition amongst both the medical professions and the general public is low in the Member States,
 1. Calls upon the national governments of the Member States and the European Commission to raise awareness of endometriosis and to work towards an annual EU Endometriosis Day, in order to raise awareness of this debilitating condition;
 2. Calls upon the national governments of the Member States to promote national Endometriosis Days;
 3. Calls upon the European Commission to include prevention of endometriosis in future Community Action Programmes for Public Health, so as to allow more research into the causes, prevention and treatment of endometriosis;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council of Ministers and the European Commission.