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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on chiropractic

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Written declaration on chiropractic

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas chiropractic is recognised by the World Health Organisation as an independent health profession concerned with the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mechanical disorders of the musculoskeletal system and the effects of these disorders on the functions of the nervous system and general health, with an emphasis on manual treatments, including spinal adjustment and other joint and soft-tissue manipulation,
- B. whereas chiropractic involves independent, university-based education in Europe, similar to dentistry, and therefore cannot be an added specialty of any other healthcare profession,
- C. whereas chiropractic has been organised into a European Chiropractors' Union since 1932 and, at world level, into a World Federation of Chiropractic since 1988,
- D. whereas chiropractic education is harmonised throughout the European Union under the umbrella of the European Council on Chiropractic Education, which is a member of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA),
 1. Expresses serious concern that chiropractic is not yet uniformly recognised throughout the European Union, especially since the profession provides a good example of organisation and development of standards for other developing health professions in Europe, such as acupuncture, homeopathy and osteopathy;
 2. Calls for the uniform recognition of chiropractic throughout the European Union to ensure that patients are provided with similar choices of care and treatment;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the parliaments of the Member States.