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WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on the establishment of maximum limits on the content of intoxicating substances for drivers of motor vehicles

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on the establishment of maximum limits on the content of intoxicating substances for drivers of motor vehicles¹

1. In addition to alcohol, driving under the influence of other intoxicating substances is a growing problem and a threat to road safety. While Member States have established maximum limits on blood alcohol content for drivers of motor vehicles in their national laws, the same is not the case for intoxicating substances, despite the fact that in 2003 the Council adopted a resolution on combating the impact of psychoactive substances use on road accidents (Council Resolution of 27 November 2003 on combating the impact of psychoactive substances use on road accidents (2004/C 97/01)).
2. The Commission and the Council are therefore called upon to encourage Member States to introduce in their national legislation maximum limits on intoxicating substances for drivers of motor vehicles, to check whether the 2003 recommendations on the influence of intoxicating substances on driving are still in line with the latest scientific knowledge and, if appropriate, to update them.
3. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and 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.