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WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on organ donation

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on organ donation¹

1. In the EU, more than 50 000 patients are on waiting lists for an organ transplant.
2. An average of 13 people die each day because of the shortage of donated organs.
3. The severe shortage of donors is a major constraint affecting more than half of the EU Member States. There is an increasing gap between the demand side and the supply side of organs. Too few people register their wishes to donate or make sure that their family members know their wishes.
4. The Commission is called upon to promote best practices and to assist Member States whose systems do not perform well.
5. The Commission is urged to encourage the Member States to engage in operational cross-border exchange of organs and to share expertise on the transplantation of organs.
6. The Commission is urged to encourage the Member States to provide for continuous training of donor transplant coordinators and to incorporate the issue of organ donation into their national curricula.
7. 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.