WRITTEN DECLARATION
on the Fight Against Breast Cancer
in the European Union

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament’s Rules of Procedure, on the fight against breast cancer in the European Union¹

1. Calls on all Member States to implement nationwide mammography screening and multidisciplinary specialist breast units (SBU) by the 2016 deadline, as required by the European Parliament Resolutions of 2003 and 2006 and the European Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnosis (4th ed.), so as to reduce the mortality rate of breast cancer patients, which currently stands at 91,495 in the EU every year.

2. Calls on Member States to ensure that out of the 367,090 women in the EU diagnosed with breast cancer every year, those with metastatic breast cancer have access to, and are treated in, an SBU and that their ongoing needs for care and psychosocial services are co-ordinated and supported by the SBU as per the EU Guidelines.

3. Calls on the ECIBC (European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer) project to deliver an accreditation protocol for breast cancer services by 2016; this protocol must ensure that mammography screening programmes and SBUs meet the requirements of the current EU Guidelines, and of the updated version to be undertaken by the ECIBC in 2015.

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

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