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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on prevention of the use of lead

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**Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on prevention of the use of lead<sup>1</sup>**

1. Continual greening of the automotive industry is necessary for the successful achievement of existing environmental goals within the EU.
2. In response to the latest scandals regarding falsified emissions tests, the main efforts have been focused on proposals ensuring only the effectiveness of pollutant control systems.
3. EU environmental and health protection policies need to address the regulation of the automotive industry in a comprehensive manner, avoiding the current half-hearted and piecemeal solutions.
4. More targeted efforts need to be made to encourage a reduction in the use of heavy metals, especially lead, in individual engine components. In addition to the high risk potential for the environment, lead has devastating effects on human health, including cancer and irreversible damage to organs.
5. The Commission is therefore called upon to improve the monitoring of existing exemptions for the use of lead in the automotive industry and to consider shortening the review period for investigating the suitability of existing alternative technologies by one year. This will help to fulfil the objectives of the Third Health Programme, and supports the overall Europe 2020 Strategy.
6. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.