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WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on highlighting the global dimension of the fight against online child sexual abuse content

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Written declaration, under Rule 123 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on highlighting the global dimension of the fight against online child sexual abuse content¹

1. Child sexual abuse content is one of the most abhorrent types of content available, and the production, possession or distribution of such content is universally considered a criminal act;
2. The cross-border nature of most online child sexual abuse content shows that strong international cooperation is necessary;
3. The commercial distribution of such content could potentially be profitable for organised crime structures;
4. Behind every image of child sexual abuse there is a real victim;
5. The most effective way to deal with such content is to remove it at source in cooperation with law enforcement agencies;
6. It is therefore important to share internationally information and expertise regarding the fight against online sexual abuse content;
7. Adequate reporting and take-down mechanisms in respect of child sexual abuse content in every country are crucial;
8. The Commission is called upon to consider developing as well as developed countries when establishing international cooperation to combat online child sexual abuse content;
9. The Commission is called upon to support the creation of online child sexual abuse reporting mechanisms that meet acceptable global standards regarding transparency and freedom of expression;
10. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Commission.

¹ In accordance with Rule 123(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, when the declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it shall be published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.