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pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the transposition of the Article 13 Anti-Discrimination (the Race
Equality and Employment) Directives into national legislation

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Or. en

- having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community and in particular Article 13 thereof, which provides for the possibility of appropriate action to be taken at Community level to combat discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation,
 - having regard to the Council's Directive 2000/43/EC of 29 June 2000 concerning the principle of equal treatment between people irrespective of racial or ethnic origin,
 - having regard to the Council's Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation,
- A. concerned by the lack of progress that a number of Member States have made to date in transposing both of the above Directives into national legislation,
- B. concerned that the proposed national legislation in some Member States appears to be of limited scope and quality,
1. Calls on Member States who have yet to implement Directive 2000/43/EC fully to take urgent action to do so before the 19 July 2003 deadline;
 2. Calls on Member States to make progress on the implementation of Directive 2000/78/EC before the 2 December 2003 deadline;
 3. Encourages Member States to promote dialogue between the social partners and with non-governmental organisations to ensure BOTH the quality of the relevant national legislation AND effective implementation;
 4. Encourages the governments of the accession countries to take the necessary steps to ensure the transposition of the above Directives at the earliest opportunity;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Council, the Commission and to the national parliaments of the accession countries.