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pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on commemorations of the 20th anniversary of the Bhopal Disaster

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. noting that 3 December 2004 will mark the 20th anniversary of the industrial disaster at Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, in India,
- B. aware that the death toll of over 20 000 is still rising day by day and that amongst the survivors disease is still endemic,
- C. concerned that thousands of tonnes of toxic waste are still being stored on the site, contaminating the water supply and the environment,
- D. appalled that the Dow Chemical Company will not face up to their responsibilities or accept the moral obligation to pay substantial damages,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to work with Member States and NGOs to
 - address the continuing serious environmental and health concerns,
 - provide support for the people of Bhopal;
- 2. Urges Member States to put pressure on the United States Government to have a full investigation into Dow Chemicals and urge them to attend the Bhopal District Court;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the United States Government, the Indian Government and the Dow Chemical Company.