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on China's unacceptable interference in Italy's affairs and the threat of infiltration by the Chinese mafia in Europe

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Written declaration on China's unacceptable interference in Italy's affairs and the threat of infiltration by the Chinese mafia in Europe

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to its resolution of 8 September 2005 on human rights violations in China,
- recalling its resolution of 26 October 2006 on Tibet,
- having regard to the Council's conclusions of 11/12 December 2006 on the EU-China strategic partnership,
- A. having regard to the riot on the part of the Chinese community following an ordinary traffic control in via Paolo Sarpi in Milan's 'Chinatown' on Thursday 12 April 2007 and the threats of severe economic reprisals against Italy made by the Chinese Ambassador to Italy, Dong Jiny, if the City of Milan should continue to carry out normal checks on compliance with the law among the Chinese community,
- B. whereas the Chinese Ambassador's attitude is contrary to the founding principles of the World Trade Organisation, of which China has been a member since 11 December 2001,
- C. pointing out that such statements constitute a blatant incitement to unlawful behaviour for Chinese communities all over the European Union, in which there is a serious threat of infiltration by the Chinese mafia,
- D. concerned at the unfair competition by Chinese businesses in the context of computer crime for the purposes of economic espionage, as pointed out by the Cyber Defense Institute,
- E. recalling the serious violations of human rights by the Chinese government, including the military occupation of Tibet, religious persecution and the disproportionate use of the death penalty,
- 1. Considers that such statements constitute blackmail and interference in the affairs of an EU Member State and are incompatible with the economic and commercial relationship between the European Union and China;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Member States, the Commission and the Council.