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pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the statements by the Dalai Lama on 'unimaginable and gross violations of human rights by China in Tibet'

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Written declaration on the statements by the Dalai Lama on 'unimaginable and gross violations of human rights by China in Tibet'

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the statements by the Dalai Lama on 'unimaginable and gross violations of human rights by China in Tibet',
 - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Chinese authorities recently prevented a peaceful demonstration by Tibetan monks in the Tibetan capital, Lhasa,
- B. whereas the United States has taken the opportunistic decision to delete China from the list of countries which grossly violate human rights,
1. Observes that this decision was motivated by a desire to avoid jeopardising trading interests and the forthcoming Olympic Games;
 2. Considers that the European Union should distance itself from the USA and put continuous pressure on Beijing to respect human rights in Tibet and throughout China;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the parliaments of the Member States.