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WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on the right of free movement of the labour force in Europe

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on the right of free movement of the labour force in Europe¹

1. The Union is founded on the principles of liberty, democracy and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and on the rule of law. The EU must therefore take all measures necessary to combat discrimination of all kinds, including as regards employment and the labour market.
2. The principle of equal treatment in employment and training, irrespective of gender, religion or belief, disability, ethnic origin and age, is ensured at EU level through the Employment Directive, the Racial Equality Directive and numerous gender laws, but in some Member States the directives concerned are understood and implemented differently.
3. This has to do with the fact that in many Member States nationality, gender and age are not explicitly included as prohibited grounds of discrimination under national law.
4. We therefore consider it necessary for the Commission to monitor more closely the transposition of the provisions mentioned above, by all EU Member States and EEA partners, since this will have positive effects both economically and socially.
5. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

¹ Under Rule 136(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it is published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.