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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on victims of crime

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**Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on victims of crime<sup>1</sup>**

1. We observe with regret that greater attention is often paid to the perpetrators of crime than to the victims. Crime is a phenomenon that has always been linked to humanity, but legislation protecting its victims is relatively new. Although there are unified standards and instruments at European level to benefit the lives of EU citizens, victims of crime are still treated differently in every country.
2. In light of the upcoming entry into force of Directive 2012/29/EU, we would welcome a better, equal state of protection for all victims of crime. Everybody who has suffered as a result of criminal activities must be granted the same support throughout the EU and must receive full information about their rights and the possibility of claiming those rights.
3. The Commission is therefore called upon to further encourage the development of victims' rights so that the EU can play the leading role in their protection.
4. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.