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on nuclear deterrence

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**Declaration on nuclear deterrence**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on nuclear disarmament, testing and non-proliferation,
- A. whereas East West relations have deteriorated seriously since the outbreak of war, first in Yugoslavia, and then in Chechnya,
- B. whereas in Russia this has taken the form of explicit repudiation of the doctrine of 'No First Use', thus increasing the possibility of nuclear confrontation,
- C. whereas in June 1998 the New Agenda Coalition published a Joint Declaration, which has since become a UN Resolution, which criticised both the 'official' nuclear weapon states and the three 'unofficial' nuclear weapons-capable states of India, Israel and Pakistan, and appealed to them to agree immediately on practical steps for moving quickly to zero nuclear weapons and complying with Article 6 of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty,
- D. whereas the European Parliament welcomed the New Agenda Coalition's Joint Statement entitled 'Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world' in a resolution in November 1998,
- E. whereas the US government's proposal to initiate a missile defence system based on the old Reagan 'Star Wars' project has been seen as a threat by Russia and breaches the Antiballistic Missile Treaty,
- F. whereas the deterioration in NATO-Russia relations makes compliance with Article 6 of the Non-Proliferation Treaty less likely,
- G. whereas the International Court of Justice has stated, in an advisory opinion in August 1996, that a threat or use of nuclear weapons would generally be contrary to the rules of international law,
- 1. Calls on the European Union to play a full and decisive leadership role in moving towards nuclear disarmament by virtue of Article 6 of the NPT, which calls on all the parties to the Treaty to pursue negotiations to complete disarmament under strict and effective international control;
- 2. Calls on all the EU's Member States to refuse to accept NATO's first-use of nuclear weapons policy;
- 3. Calls on EU Member States not to cooperate with the USA in installing on EU territory new missile defence systems which breach the Antiballistic Missile Treaty.

