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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure

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on anti-Semitism

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## Written declaration on anti-Semitism

*The European Parliament,*

- reaffirming its resolutions on racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism of 27 October 1994, 27 April 1995 and 26 October 1995,
  - noting the proposal of the European Commission to amend Article 7 of the Amsterdam Treaty to deal more effectively with cases of the inclusion of extremist parties and their political programmes in government,
  - recognising with deep concern that anti-Semitism continues to be manifested through attacks on synagogues, Jewish schools, Jewish cultural centres and other religious sites, as well as against members of Jewish communities in Europe, and in particular against Jewish youth, causing numerous injuries,
  - recognising as well that in the aftermath of the Holocaust, anti-Semitism has assumed new forms and expressions which pose a threat to democracy, the values of civilisation and, therefore, to overall security in the EU and beyond,
  - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
1. Calls on the institutions of the European Union, the Member States and all democratic political parties to:
    - condemn all intolerance, incitement, harassment or violence,
    - condemn without reserve all forms of anti-Semitism, be they traditional forms or new expressions,
    - condemn all attacks motivated by religious or racial hatred or intolerance, including attacks against synagogues and other religious places, sites and shrines;
  2. Urges the European Council and the Commission and the governments of the Member States to take all necessary steps to coordinate their actions to combat anti-Semitism;
  3. Welcomed the organisation, at the initiative of European Commission President Romano Prodi, of the seminar on “Europe, against anti-Semitism for a Union of Diversity,” which took place in Brussels on 19 February 2004; calls on the Commission to report back to the European Parliament with recommendations for plans of actions;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the other European institutions and the governments of the Member States.