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pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on excessive roaming charges in the EU

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Written declaration on excessive roaming charges in the EU

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas, in breach of Article 82 of the EU Treaty, mobile telephone operators in many EU Member States are taking advantage of their dominant position on the market by excessively increasing the roaming rates established under agreements between international mobile telephone network operators,
 - B. whereas such practices limit Community citizens' scope for business, tourism and educational contacts and run counter to one of the foundations of the EU's common economic policy, free movement of services,
 - C. whereas the regulatory framework for electronic communication services should be based on the premise that effective competition brings down prices to the benefit of users and consumers,
 - D. concerned at the fact that existing legislation is neither properly applied nor appropriate and is unable to protect mobile telephone users from excessive and unjustified roaming charges,
1. Calls on the Commission and Council immediately to take coordinated action at Community level and adopt a harmonised plan for the introduction of regulatory measures to remedy the situation and to carry out an analysis of the market in public mobile telephone networks;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.