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WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure
on the funnelling of EU aid to terrorist organisations

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on the funnelling of EU aid to terrorist organisations¹

1. EU funds are a vital resource for agreed common foreign and aid policy objectives.
2. Particularly in times of economic stringency and heightened security concern, it is important to ensure that EU funds are not wasted or abused. This would be the case if EU funds were being channelled, deliberately or by neglect, to terrorist organisations.
3. The European Court of Auditors (ECA) and the European External Action Service (EEAS) are hence called upon to subject to special scrutiny those recipients of high levels of EU funding, for example the Palestinian Authority and Pakistan, where there is a suggestion of evidence of support for terrorist activity.
4. Where there are indications of such abuse, the Commission is called upon to freeze or reduce funding until the necessary checks and control measures have been put in place.
5. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council, the Commission and the European Court of Auditors.

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.