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WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on the human rights abuses in the World Cup

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Declaration on the human rights abuses in the World Cup

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the inclusion in the Amsterdam Treaty of Article 13, which enables the European Union to take action against racism and xenophobia, and to its ratification in 1999,
 - A. whereas the global and sporting spectacle of the World Cup is welcomed,
 - B. whereas the threatened discrimination by Luciano Gaucci, President of Perugia Football Club, against Ahn Jung-Hwan, can only be seen as racist,
 - C. whereas if such an attitude were to become general, Frank Leboeuf or Marcel Desailly might be sacked for scoring against England, or Owen Hargreaves for scoring against Germany,
 - 1. Welcomes the reinstatement by Perugia of Ahn Jung-Hwan;
 - 2. Asks the Commission, nevertheless, to investigate whether or not Luciano Gaucci's initial reaction was in breach of European Union anti-discrimination legislation;
 - 3. Urges UEFA to instruct clubs that in future such actions will lead to their facing punishment, as even hints of such pressure threaten the integrity of international sport;
 - 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Commission, the Council, the Member States, UEFA and the Government of the Republic of Korea.