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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

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pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure

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on child protection in the context of paraphilias

Expiry date: 6 May 2004

**Written declaration on child protection in the context of paraphilias**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the alarming rise in cases of paedophilia, other forms of sexual violence and recent clinical insights into paraphilias and paraphilia-related disorders,
  - having regard to the 60th Human Rights Commission session in Geneva,
  - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas paraphilias are defined as recurrent, intense sexual urges, fantasies, or behaviours that involve unusual objects, activities or situations and that occur over a certain period of time,
- B. whereas the five categories which, according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV), constitute specific paraphilias are: voyeuristic sex, exhibitionistic sex, pain exchange (sexual sadism, sexual masochism), some types of intrusive sex (frotteurism or inappropriate touch) and exploitative sex (paedophilia),
- C. whereas, according to DSM-IV, paedophilia is a criminal activity, the great majority of paedophiles being male, irrespective of their heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual orientation,
1. Considers that the term 'sexual orientation' has never been defined and may include paraphilias and other sexual disorders;
  2. Asks the European Union and other intergovernmental institutions not to legislate on the non-defined term 'sexual orientation';
  3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the Council of Europe, the EU Member States, the UN Human Rights Commission and the UN Secretary-General.