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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Carl Lang, Andreas Mölzer and Luca Romagnoli  
on the protection of national armaments markets

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**Written declaration on the protection of national armaments markets**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas specifically military contracts are of crucial importance to national security,
- B. whereas Article 296 of the Treaty establishing the European Community stipulates that ‘any Member State may take such measures as it considers necessary for the protection of the essential interests of its security which are connected with the production of or trade in arms, munitions and war material’,
- C. whereas these are legally valid, justified derogations from the principles of competition,
  1. Reminds the Commission that the dual imperative of security of supply and confidentiality in the sphere of defence and national security must not be called into question;
  2. Calls on the Commission to abandon its intention of introducing a greater degree of competition into national procurement procedures;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States.