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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

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appealing to the parliaments and governments of the Member States of the  
European Union for an immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq

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**Written declaration appealing to the parliaments and governments of the Member States of the European Union for an immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas the war in Iraq has caused the death of over 100 thousand people, mainly Iraqis, Americans and Europeans,
  - B. whereas, instead of stability and greater freedom, the aftermath of this war has been increased human suffering and material damage,
  - C. whereas this war has brought about great moral devastation, manifest in the crimes committed by both sides of the conflict, including the killing of prisoners of war and of hostages,
  - D. whereas the prospect of stability in Iraq has become more remote, with increasing cruelty and mutual hatred on the two opposing sides and a growing spiral of violence, revenge and retaliation,
1. Condemns both the brutal assassinations and cold-blooded murder of innocent hostages by Iraqi terrorist forces, and the crimes carried out by American troops on defenceless captives;
  2. Declares that no Member State of the European Union should participate in the war in Iraq as, irrespective of the objective, this war serves neither freedom, democracy nor human rights, but, quite on the contrary, is currently acting against those values which are so important to all Europeans;
  3. Calls on the parliaments and governments of the countries of the European Union whose forces are in Iraq to withdraw from there immediately, as Europe, in memory of its own tragic experiences, should not be participating in a military operation which is evolving into an increasingly brutal and criminal conflict;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the parliaments of the Member States and to the Council.