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pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the appeal to the United Nations for an international treaty on a total
ban on abortion and euthanasia

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the principle of human dignity and the right to life,
 - having regard to Pope John Paul II's Encyclical 'Evangelium Vitae' of 25 March 1995,
 - having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
 - having regard to the 108th US Congress' Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003,
 - having regard to the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child,
 - having regard to the UN DOHA Declaration on the Family,
- A. whereas the right to life – from conception to its natural end – is an innate right of every human being,
- B. whereas the right to life, especially of those who are weak and defenceless, must always be protected globally,
- C. whereas there is no clear, global and uniform ban on the killing of innocent human beings,
- D. whereas the contemporary threat to human life stems from the ill-will of a few decision-makers who ignore the principles of natural law,
- E. whereas a majority vote has been assumed competent to overrule natural law,
1. Condemns all acts against human life at every stage thereof;
 2. Calls on the Member States to take all necessary measures to protect the right to life, especially to safeguard the right to life of those who are weak, defenceless and voiceless;
 3. Points out its concern at the fact that many governments, in legalising abortion and euthanasia, are illegitimately changing legislation – even going against their own constitutions and the will of their people while succumbing to pressure from lobbying groups;
 4. Calls on the United Nations to ensure that the right to life – from conception to its natural end – is protected by international law;
 5. Calls on the United Nations to establish an internationally binding treaty that will protect all human life and ban all acts against human life, including abortion and euthanasia;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the governments of the Member States, the Commission, the Council, the United Nations, the Holy See, the United States Congress, and the President of the United States of America.