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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

by Patrick Gaubert, Timothy Kirkhope and Luis Francisco Herrero-Tejedor

on the third anniversary of the kidnapping of Ingrid Betancourt and Clara Rojas

Lapse date: 16.6.2005

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**Written declaration on the third anniversary of the taking hostage of Ingrid Betancourt and Clara Rojas**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its resolution on Colombia of 14 March 2002
- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Council Decision of 2 April 2004 implementing Article 2(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 of 27 December 2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism, includes the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) on the list of these persons and entities,
- B. whereas 23 February 2005 marked the third anniversary of the kidnapping of Ingrid Betancourt and her associate Clara Rojas by FARC,
- C. whereas Niall Connolly, Martin McCauley and James Monaghan were condemned to 17 years' imprisonment for terrorist acts, including the fact that they trained FARC terrorists,
  1. Completely rejects terrorism in all its forms and condemns those who support terrorist organisations in any part of the world;
  2. Calls on all elected representatives to support the efforts of those who continue to run the campaign for the liberation of Ingrid Betancourt and Clara Rojas;
  3. Regrets that certain Members have tried to organise a meeting at the European Parliament in connection with Niall Connolly, Martin McCauley and James Monaghan under the slogan 'Bring them home';
  4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Member States.