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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

by Maciej Marian Giertych and Sylwester Chruszcz

on the return of the painting 'Madonna and Child' by Lucas Cranach the Elder  
to Głogów

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**Written declaration on the return of the painting 'Madonna and Child' by Lucas Cranach the Elder to Głogów**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the painting 'Madonna and Child' by Lucas Cranach the Elder was commissioned by the rector of the Głogów collegiate and was kept in the sanctuary there from 1565 until the Second World War,
- B. whereas, as a result of World War II, the collegiate was destroyed and the 'Madonna', commonly known as the 'Madonna of Głogów', fell into the hands of an officer of the Red Army, as confirmed by a document preserved until today,
- C. whereas, two years ago, the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation brought to light European cultural property which, as a result of the war, had come to be on its territory, including the 'Madonna' of Lucas Cranach the Elder of 1518.
- D. whereas the Głogów collegiate has been restored and reconsecrated,
- E. whereas the painting, from the moment it came into being, was an integral part of the place of worship and of the identity of this region of Europe,
  1. Thanks the authorities of the Russian Federation, the Administration of the Pushkin Museum in Moscow and the Russian People for protecting and preserving the Głogów masterpiece;
  2. Asks the President of the Russian Federation for help in recovering the painting and returning it to the Głogów collegiate;
  3. Calls on the government of the Republic of Poland to take appropriate steps to seek support from the Member States in the matter of the recovery of important relics of national and European heritage;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council, the governments of the Member States and the President and Government of the Russian Federation.