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on the setting of priorities for co-financing sustainable trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T)

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Written declaration on the setting of priorities for co-financing sustainable trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas the main purpose of TEN-T should be to put an end to the long years of separation of the European continent and to achieve the unification of Europe,
 - B. whereas the 30 priorities within the trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) are very different in their way of contributing to the unification of Europe,
 - C. whereas the financial means and the co-financing of the Member States are not sufficient to finance all these 30 projects,
 - D. whereas rail connections between old and new Member States presently allow a travelling speed that is twice as slow as the steam locomotives of last century,
1. Calls on the Commission, the Council and the Member States to give absolute priority to planning, financing and building those transport infrastructure projects that contribute to the unification of Europe;
 2. Favours, therefore, priority support for the sustainable rail mode, such as the Berlin-Warsaw-Vilnius-Riga-Tallin rail connection (Priority Project No 27) and the rail connections from Vienna and Venice to Prague-Bratislava-Ljubljana-Budapest (Priority Projects Nos 6, 17 and 22);
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the Member States and the candidate countries.