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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the rights of foreign-language assistants – 'lettori' – in Italian universities

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**Written declaration on the rights of foreign-language assistants – 'lettori' – in Italian universities**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas foreign-language university assistants – 'lettori' – have for many years been seeking equality of treatment under EU single market rules,
- B. whereas the European Parliament adopted resolutions on 13 July 1995, 15 February 1996 and 27 October 2002 concerning discrimination based on nationality in Italian universities,
- C. whereas the European Court of Justice has ruled on discrimination concerning 'lettori' in the following cases:
  - Allué v University of Venice, 30 May 1989 (33/88),
  - Allué II v University of Venice, 2 August 1993 (C-259/91),
  - David Petrie and others v University of Verona, 20 November 1997 (C-90/96),
- D. whereas on 26 June 2001 the Court of Justice ruled in Case C-212/99 (Commission v Italy) that Italy had failed to uphold its treaty obligations with regard to Allué II (C-259/91),
- E. whereas on 30 April 2004 the Commission brought an action before the Court of Justice seeking daily fines of € 309 750 on the grounds that Italy had failed to uphold its treaty obligations with regard to the transposition of the judgment in Case C-212/99,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to investigate complaints that Italy has failed to change the discriminatory practices with regard to access to teaching posts following Case C-90/96 and to start infringement proceedings against Italy should those complaints prove to be well-founded;
- 2. Calls on its President to raise with the Council, as a matter of urgency, the long-standing discrimination against non-Italian 'lettori' working in Italian universities;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Member States.