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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

by Richard Corbett

on European City Guides

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**Written declaration on European City Guides**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas European City Guides advertise their service in a variety of Member States,
  - B. whereas the means of advertising used by European City Guides has been found to be misleading under the law of a Member State,
  - C. whereas European City Guides have moved their operations to another jurisdiction in order to avoid prosecution,
  - D. whereas the disparities of national laws on unfair commercial practices help cause uncertainty as to which law applies,
  - E. whereas these commercial practices are not explicitly included under the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive, as European City Guides targets small businesses and not individual consumers,
    - 1. Calls on the Commission to formulate a proposal with an explicit inclusion of businesses as victims under the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive;
    - 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission.