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on the ethnic rioting occurring in France and elsewhere in Europe

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Written declaration on the ethnic rioting occurring in France and elsewhere in Europe

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. seriously concerned about the extreme acts of violence being carried out on the streets of France and elsewhere in Europe,
 - B. whereas this urban guerrilla warfare is gradually taking on the form of an ethnic civil war,
 - C. whereas integration and immigration policy in most Member States is set to end in failure, and whereas de facto extraterritorial areas have emerged where the rule of law no longer applies,
 - D. whereas the continuing mass immigration of non-Europeans is making the - already difficult - process of integrating foreign nationals already present even more difficult, if not impossible,
 - E. whereas the European Union has around 20 million unemployed, including a disproportionate number of foreign nationals, and whereas further immigration will consequently place heavy pressure on social security and cohesion in the Member States,
 - F. whereas an effective integration policy confers not only rights, but also obligations on immigrants, and whereas this latter aspect has been neglected by most Member States,
1. Urges the Member States:
 - to act firmly to restore law and order throughout their territory,
 - to make respect for the laws, values and language of the host country a central pillar of their integration policy,
 - to observe the freeze on immigration imposed in 1974,
 - not to pursue the regularisation of illegal immigrants,
 - to discourage asylum abuse,
 - to encourage family formation and reunification in the country of origin;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States.