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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on lack of democracy and equal treatment of political parties in Bulgaria

Lapse date: 1.3.2006

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**Written declaration on lack of democracy and equal treatment of political parties in Bulgaria**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. alarmed by the unprovoked withdrawal of the floor from the chairman of a political group by the Speaker of the Bulgarian National Assembly,
- B. alarmed at the denial by the Speaker of the Bulgarian National Assembly of the right of Bulgarian Members of Parliament to form a group, named as they wish, thereby imposing an obligatory mandate on them in violation of the Bulgarian Constitution,
- C. alarmed by the actions of the Chairman of the Civil Society Committee in the Bulgarian National Assembly, who is denying 21 Members of Parliament their constitutional right to table laws by leaving these laws unvoted on,
- D. alarmed by the lack of a legal procedure in Bulgaria for appealing against these actions by the ruling majority, currently the former Communist Party,
  1. Calls on the Commission to
    - a. turn its attention towards non-democratic practices in the countries awaiting accession,
    - b. investigate these and other similar cases of violations of constitutional rights, with no possibility of being resolved internally, in the countries awaiting accession, and to include them in its reports;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and the Member States.