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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on protection of people in Bulgaria against neo-totalitarianism

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**Written declaration on protection of people in Bulgaria against neo-totalitarianism**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas it is expected that in 2007 Bulgaria will be a Member State of the European Union;
- B. whereas successive Bulgarian Governments have confirmed the democratic and tolerant nature of the political system,
- C. whereas there are political forces functioning inside Bulgaria, whose leaders preach hatred to minorities and especially to Jews, Roma and Turks, deny the Holocaust and call for a return to totalitarian methods of state governance,
- D. whereas that propaganda presents a considerable threat to many Bulgarian citizens because it promotes a denial of the equality of all human beings and the expulsion of or discrimination against groups which they want to target as their victims,
  - 1. Calls on all the democratic parties of Bulgaria to condemn such views and political methods and provide citizens with information related to the danger of the new totalitarianism as well as to take measures to continue educating young people in a spirit of tolerance and respect for democratic values and the rights of minorities;
  - 2. Invites the Bulgarian judiciary to enforce the measures provided in its national legislation to prevent incitement to hatred, intolerance and discrimination;
  - 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Governments of the Member States.