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pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the execution of three Catholics in Indonesia

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Written declaration on the execution of three Catholics in Indonesia

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas a few days ago three Catholics, Fabianus Tibo, 60 years old, Dominggus da Silva, 42 years old and Marianus Riwu, 48 years old, who had always professed their innocence, were executed by firing squad in Palu, Indonesia after being found guilty of instigating a massacre of Muslims in the province of central Sulawesi in 2000,
- B. whereas all appeals, even from Pope Benedict XVI, and the Amnesty International report, which denounced the fact that their trial had not been a fair one, were in vain,
- C. whereas in many Muslim countries, some of which, for example Turkey, aspire to join the European Union, there is constant and extremely violent aggression against Catholics, which calls for a firm and unequivocally united stance in order to combat the constant and repeated violation of religious and civil rights,
 1. Calls on the Commission to take all possible measures vis-à-vis the Indonesian government in order to combat the constant and repeated acts of violence against Catholics;
 2. Calls on the Commission to involve the individual Member States of the Union in every initiative aimed at upholding religious freedom at home and abroad;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Member States.