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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the possible postponement of the incorporation of the new Member States
into the Schengen area

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Written declaration on the possible postponement of the incorporation of the new Member States into the Schengen area

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in 2004 the Commission proclaimed that the enlargement of the Schengen area to include new Member States of the European Union would be possible only after all necessary regulatory measures had been taken to secure a common external frontier of the Schengen area,
- B. whereas the date of integration of these countries into the Schengen area was provisionally set for October 2007,
 1. Believes that the original date of entry of the new Member States into the Schengen area must be adhered to;
 2. Calls on the Commission to provide full and transparent information and analyses indicating the status of the implementation of the central SIS II project, including information about the reasons for any delays in its implementation;
 3. Calls on the Commission and Council to take measures to guarantee the original date of entry of the new Member States into the Schengen area;
 4. Calls on the Commission to present an in-depth impact assessment if any alternative option is chosen, determining means and responsibilities for financial costs and organisational burdens arising from the development of SIS II;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Governments and Parliaments of the EU Member States.