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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on combating the trafficking and prostitution of children at EU internal borders  
between old and new Member States

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**Written declaration on combating the trafficking and prostitution of children at EU internal borders between old and new Member States**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas child prostitution in the Czech-German-Austrian border area has assumed significant proportions and the age at which children are entering prostitution is falling, with even very young children involved,
- B. whereas virtual sex over the internet is a new expanding market, the growth of which increases and bolsters the trafficking of children, because new technology makes the sexual abuse of children easier,
- C. whereas successful cooperation between national and local authorities, victims and local NGOs is hampered by corruption among certain authorities and by insufficient implementation of current law,
  1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to provide adequate human and financial resources for the Commission's planned strategy on promoting and safeguarding children's rights in order to combat the sexual exploitation of children, to provide abused children with psychological and social care and to take even stronger action against the paedophile scene, particularly on the internet;
  2. Calls on the Commission, the Council, the Member States and the acceding countries to provide the already agreed child helpline with a simple, three-figure telephone number common to all European countries;
  3. Calls on the Commission, the Council and the Member States to step up cooperation between the EU institutions, national authorities and Europol to combat child prostitution;
  4. Calls on the Commission, the Council and the Member States to take effective and lasting action against corruption among authorities;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.