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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on the arson attack on a Slovene crèche in Trieste as an attack on the Slovene minority in Italy

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**Written declaration on the arson attack on a Slovene crèche in Trieste as an attack on the Slovene minority in Italy**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child,
  - having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
  - having regard to Article 6 of the EU Treaty,
  - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas there are strong indications that at the beginning of February there was a deliberate arson attack on the only Slovene-language crèche in Trieste,
- B. whereas this is the third such arson attack on Slovene schools or kindergartens in Italy in recent years,
- C. whereas the attacks are an expression of intolerance towards the Slovene minority in Italy, the perpetrators of which remain unknown and unpunished,
1. Condemns these acts of intolerance against the Slovene minority in Italy, which are not in line with European standards;
  2. Expresses concern that the relevant Italian politicians, officials, and courts have not responded adequately enough to this growth in intolerance;
  3. Demands that the relevant institutions do everything in their power to find the perpetrators and punish them accordingly;
  4. Expects that the Italian authorities will see to the immediate restoration of the damaged buildings;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council, the Italian Government and Parliament and the parliaments of the Member States.