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on the activities of the extreme right-wing paramilitary group the Hungarian Guard

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Written declaration on the activities of the extreme right-wing paramilitary group the Hungarian Guard

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the founding of the Hungarian Guard, an extreme right-wing group, in August of this year in the Republic of Hungary raises concerns and fears regarding the group's activities both in its country of origin and in the surrounding states,
- B. whereas the Hungarian courts have not questioned the activities of this nationalist group and have allowed it to register, meaning that the group's activities are legal,
- C. whereas the self-professed objective of the Hungarian Guard is to protect Hungary from attacks by surrounding countries, which most probably means above all the neighbouring states with significant Hungarian minorities, such as Slovakia, Serbia and Romania, and whereas leading officials in that party have declared that they will never renounce the claim that all Hungarians should live in one state,
- D. whereas history has shown where militant nationalism can lead,
- E. whereas no modern-day democratic society should tolerate the radicalisation of such groups and activities,
 1. Calls on all competent bodies in the Republic of Hungary and at European level to monitor the Hungarian Guard's activities closely;
 2. Calls on all Member States of the European Union to monitor closely the activities of nationalist groups, including the Hungarian Guard, and to take vigorous action against activities that could give rise to conflict situations in the future;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States, as well as to the Council.