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on recognising the massacre of Poles by Ukrainian nationalists as genocide

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Written declaration on recognising the massacre of Poles by Ukrainian nationalists as genocide

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, starting in 1943, the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) carried out acts of extermination against Polish civilians,
- B. whereas more than 150 000 Poles in German-occupied eastern Poland died in mass murders perpetrated by the UPA,
- C. whereas a significant proportion of the UPA forces consisted of Ukrainian officers and soldiers serving in the SS 'Galicia' Division and other occupying forces,
- D. whereas Ukrainian nationalists also murdered Jews, Ukrainians and Czechs,
- E. having regard to the extreme brutality of the crimes committed, such as the mutilation of bodies, impalings, the flaying alive of victims and the disembowelling of women and children,
 1. Voices the concern of Members who support Ukraine's efforts to join the EU at the fact that the Ukrainian President, Viktor Yushchenko, intends to grant the UPA the same veterans' rights as those enjoyed by soldiers who formed part of the anti-Nazi coalition;
 2. Calls on the President and Supreme Council of Ukraine to recognise the massacre of Poles as genocide;
 3. Maintains that no values – not even national freedom and sovereignty – can be used as justification for genocide;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the governments of Poland and Ukraine.