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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

by Benoît Hamon, Ana Maria Gomes, Véronique de Keyser and Harlem Désir  
on the EU taking over the protection of Ayaan Hirsi Ali

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**Written declaration on the EU taking over the protection of Ayaan Hirsi Ali**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Articles 6, 10(1) and 11(1) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights,
  - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Mrs Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a Netherlands citizen, is under threat of death for having exercised her freedom of expression as guaranteed by the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and whereas Article 6 of the Charter states that ‘everyone has the right to liberty and security of person’,
- B. whereas the EU is founded on the values of democracy and the rule of law, and whereas religious fundamentalism, when it threatens death to anyone who dares to criticise the symbols or ideology of a religion, is a direct threat to the fundamental freedoms of the individual, and whereas therefore European citizens should be protected from it, particularly when they have sought refuge from this danger in the EU,
- C. whereas, whatever one’s opinion of what Mrs Ali says, she has the right to express herself freely, including on religious, political and philosophical matters,
1. Calls for the EU to take the necessary measures to take responsibility for protecting Mrs Ali, since such protection is no longer afforded by the Netherlands, whatever country she chooses as her country of residence, so that her liberty, already infringed by threats, is not further restricted;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the parliaments of the Member States, the Council and the Commission.