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on support for the protection of life

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Written declaration on support for the protection of life

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the principle of respect for human dignity and the right to life,
 - having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child,
 - having regard to the encyclical ‘*Evangelium Vitae*’ by Pope John Paul II,
 - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the right to life – from the moment of conception to natural death – is the innate right of every human being,
- B. whereas the Holy See is striving to secure a moratorium on the practice of abortion,
- C. whereas, in the EU, various programmes are being put in place to ensure equal access to education and health care, non-discrimination and childcare, and to combat trafficking in and violence towards children,
- D. whereas Europe faces serious demographic challenges and its birth rate is falling,
1. Calls on the Commission and Member States to take all necessary measures, including of a legal nature, to protect the right to life, in particular for unborn children and people suffering illness;
 2. Calls on the UN and the Council of Europe to ensure, at international level, that the right to life is protected from the moment of conception to natural death;
 3. Condemns all actions to harm human life, at whatever stage, in particular that of unborn children and people suffering illness;
 4. Is concerned at the changes to legislation, under pressure from lobbyists, in favour of the legalisation of abortion;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to Member State parliaments, the Council and the Commission.