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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on a ban on the marketing and use of the anti-teen 'Mosquito' device

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**Written declaration on a ban on the marketing and use of the anti-teen 'Mosquito' device**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas the ‘Mosquito’ device, marketed and used in the EU, aims to disperse groups of teenagers by emitting a sound only heard by people under the age of 25, which causes a sensation of discomfort or even pain,
  - B. whereas this device is marketed and used in the EU without any objective scientific evaluation having been carried out to assess its effects on health, particularly on more vulnerable people such as infants and people with disabilities,
  - C. whereas the use of such devices on the public highway constitutes a violation of the fundamental rights of those people at which it is aimed and a violation of their right to physical integrity, particularly when it takes place without any administrative or judicial authorisation,
  - D. having regard to the various citizen-led campaigns in different EU countries against this device,
1. Calls on the European Commission to promote a ban on the marketing and use of the ‘Mosquito’ device in the EU;
  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.