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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the Blue Blindfold campaign to stop human trafficking

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**Written declaration on the Blue Blindfold campaign to stop human trafficking**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA of 22 December 2003,
  - having regard to the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings,
  - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas according to US State Department research 'approximately 800 000 people are trafficked across national borders, which does not include millions trafficked within their own countries',
- B. whereas there is no official coordinated EU-wide campaign that effectively engages and educates the public about human trafficking,
- C. whereas victims of trafficking are modern-day slaves and experience harm as a result of their condition,
1. Supports the promotion of the Blue Blindfold campaign among all European agencies whose work relates to the fight against human trafficking;
  2. Calls on Member States collectively to endorse and adopt the 'Blue Blindfold' campaign already being supported by the Netherlands, the UK and Ireland;
  3. Calls on the Commission to fully support the sharing of best practice, education and campaign materials through the Blue Blindfold campaign;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and relevant governments.