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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the continuation of broadcasting by the television channel PRO TV in  
Moldova

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**Written declaration on the continuation of broadcasting by the television channel PRO TV in Moldova**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, signed and proclaimed on 7 December 2000, which defends the freedom and pluralism of the media,
  - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Union is built on and defined by the principles of freedom, democracy and respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law,
- B. whereas freedom of expression, not least that of the media, including the internet, is often under serious threat in Moldova,
- C. whereas PRO TV is one of the rare impartial Moldovan television channels and has been broadcasting in Moldova since 1998,
1. Urges the Moldovan Government and the Chisinau Audiovisual Coordinating Council to extend PRO TV's licence in Moldova, as is provided for by law;
  2. Invites the Commission and the Member States to take the necessary measures to put right this injustice in the framework of negotiations on the new EU-Moldova partnership agreement in order to support access to information for millions of Moldovan citizens;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Member States.