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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on measures to halt acts of xenophobia, racism and discrimination against  
Romanians in Italy

Lapse date: 7.5.2009

**Written declaration on measures to halt acts of xenophobia, racism and discrimination against Romanians in Italy**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union concerning respect for fundamental rights under the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms,
  - having regard to Council Directive 2000/43/EC implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin and Directive 2004/38/EC on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States,
  - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to the UNAR (National Office for the Prevention of Racial Discrimination), 38 Romanians suffered acts of discrimination in 2007 and, of the total number of complaints from eastern Europeans, the largest number, 45.8%, have been registered by Romanians,
- B. whereas in Italy acts of xenophobia against Romanian residents are being intensified and they are being increasingly stigmatised,
- C. whereas racist, xenophobic and antisemitic material is being disseminated online with a view to stirring up hatred against Romanians in Italy,
1. Calls on the Commission to take specific measures to end acts of racism and xenophobia against Romanians in Italy;
  2. Calls on the Commission to take the necessary measures to combat online racist, xenophobic and antisemitic offences and to assist the Italian judiciary in resolving this problem;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the national and international authorities and institutions responsible for the prevention of racism and xenophobia.