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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on road safety courses as part of the teaching programmes of secondary schools

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**Written declaration on road safety courses as part of the teaching programmes of secondary schools**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the European road safety action plan (2003-2010)
- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to the 2008 annual statistics of the European Road Safety Observatory (ERSO), approximately 43 000 people are killed every year in road accidents and 1.8 million people are injured,
- B. whereas young people aged between 15 and 24, pedestrians and cyclists are amongst the population groups at highest risk,
- C. whereas the primary cause of serious accidents is failure to obey the rules of the road,
- D. whereas road safety education can help inculcate in children a more public-spirited attitude by taking specific steps to make them aware of the rules for correct behaviour ensuring better road use,
- E. whereas the accident rate may be reduced through a judicious campaign geared towards educating young people to obey road safety regulations,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to stress the importance of the role played by schools in preventing young people using the roads from committing road traffic offences;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to incentivise and improve the organisation of road safety courses as part of the teaching programme of secondary schools;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and to the Council.