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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on undue disruption of the ratification processes in the Member States with regard to the acceptance of basic documents of the European Union

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Written declaration on undue disruption of the ratification processes in the Member States with regard to the acceptance of basic documents of the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas overcoming the democratic deficit that really does exist in the European Union is an essential condition for securing citizens' confidence in the EU's institutions and bodies,
- B. whereas that democratic deficit also applies to undue interference in the fundamental internal decision-making processes of the EU Member States,
- C. whereas the by no means easy ratification process under way in the Czech Republic with regard to the Lisbon Treaty was clearly being subjected to direct and indirect pressure not only from the EU's institutions and bodies but also from some Member States, and that pressure was even accompanied by insulting attacks on and disparagement of the Czech President,
- D. whereas such pressure has had and is having a markedly negative effect on citizens' confidence in the EU, and not only those in the Czech Republic,
 1. Expresses its concern at this undue influence on the ratification process that took place in the Czech Republic with regard to the Lisbon Treaty, infringing the basic principles of democracy;
 2. Calls on the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States to respect the right of each Member State to free and uninfluenced decision-making in its sovereign concerns;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States.