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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on accepting responsibility for the Holocaust

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Written declaration on accepting responsibility for the Holocaust

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- 1. Underlines that the Holocaust was executed by Germany, but with support, however marginal, from other Europeans including organised institutional and spontaneous collaboration by individuals and groups on the territories occupied by Germany;
- 2. Appreciates the German government's condemnation of the atrocities committed by the Third Reich and praises its many efforts to educate the new generation about the horrors of the past;
- 3. Praises the Polish government's efforts to safeguard the museum in Auschwitz and welcomes the official apology from the President of Poland for the massacre of Jews in Jedwabne in 1941;
- 4. Praises the Romanian government's 2004 acknowledgement of the death march of up to 380 000 Jewish victims.
- 5. Expresses its highest admiration for all such activities seeking to establish historical truth and remembrance;
- 6. Underlines that the Western Allies remained largely passive in the face of the Holocaust, and that Auschwitz and the railways lines to the gas chambers were never targeted;
- 7. Remembers that Jews fleeing persecution in 1939 were turned away from the United States and Cuba;
- 8. Recognises the Holocaust as a unique part of European history; also recognises that, in accepting what happened in the past across countries of today's European Union, we accept our responsibility to ensure that the horrors of the Holocaust never happen again;
- 9. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.