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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the threat to the Romanian national heritage from cyanide mining in the
Roşia Montană area

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Written declaration on the threat to the Romanian national heritage from cyanide mining in the Roşia Montană area

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 174 of the EC Treaty concerning the protection of the environment, public health and the rational use of natural resources,
 - having regard to Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment,
 - having regard to the framework Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the use of cyanide technology for surface mining in the Roşia Montană area constitutes a risk to the environment, human health and the local historic remains;
- B. whereas tourism offers an alternative for developing the natural and human potential of the area, recalling that archaeological excavations have established Roşia Montană as having been one of the most important mining centres of the Roman world,
- C. whereas there is no guarantee that the cyanide mining project, if approved, will benefit the local communities,
1. Calls on the Commission to intervene not with a view only to suspend, but with a view to ceasing, of this type of mining, which is liable to endanger a part of Europe's human and natural heritage;
 2. Urges the Commission to monitor developments regarding the approval of the Roşia Montană Gold Corporation project and to check the appropriateness of the impact studies;
 3. Calls on the Commission to monitor closely whether approval of this project would be contrary to the Member States' obligations under Articles 4(1), 10, 11 and 16 of Directive 2000/60/EC and Annexes V, VII, IX and X to the directive on chemical pollution;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Parliaments of the Member States.