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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on removal of the employment restrictions for the new Member States' citizens

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Written declaration on removal of the employment restrictions for the new Member States' citizens

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication from the Commission on 'The impact of free movement of workers in the context of EU enlargement' (COM(2008) 765 of 18 November 2008), which states that the overall impact of post-enlargement mobility has been positive,
 - having regard to the Commission recommendation that the Member States which still maintain the ban should review their position and allow citizens from the countries which have recently joined the EU to take employment in their territory,
 - having regard to the Lisbon Strategy,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the free movement of labour is a fundamental principle of the single market, guaranteed by the Treaties upon which the European Union is based,
- B. whereas three years after Romania and Bulgaria joined the EU, citizens from those countries do not enjoy the same rights as other European citizens,
- C. whereas the differences in treatment perpetuate division in the EU,
- D. whereas maintaining employment restrictions hinders the realisation of the full potential for European economic recovery,
1. Calls on all Member States to waive the temporary restrictions on Bulgarian and Romanian workers willing to work in other Member States;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Governments of the Member States.