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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on concern over properties expropriated and demolished under the Spanish Coastal Law

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Written declaration on concern over properties expropriated and demolished under the Spanish Coastal Law

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 26th March 2009 calling upon Spain to respect the individual rights of European citizens adversely affected by the application of the Spanish Coastal Law,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the implementation of the 1988 Coastal Law has led to the seizure and demolition of the homes of European citizens, who have been evicted without full and prompt compensation,
- B. whereas Article 17 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union provides that ‘everyone has the right to own, use, dispose of and bequeath his or her lawfully acquired possessions’ and that ‘no one may be deprived of his or her possessions, except in the public interest and in the cases and under the conditions provided for by law, subject to fair compensation being paid in good time for their loss’,
- C. whereas the obligation to cede legitimately acquired private property without due process and proper compensation constitutes a violation of an individual’s fundamental rights under the European Convention on Human Rights,
1. Calls on the Spanish authorities to take due account of the opinion expressed in its resolution and to pay full compensation, without further delay, to all those affected;
 2. Calls on the Commission to use its powers under Article 91 of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 to interrupt the payment of structural funding to Spain until this issue is resolved, or for the maximum period permitted under that article, whichever should be the sooner;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Parliaments of the Member States, the Council and the Commission.