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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the establishment of a European Day to commemorate people killed at work

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Written declaration on the establishment of a European Day to commemorate people killed at work

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Agency for Health and Safety at Work records an average of more than 5000 fatal accidents at work each year in the European Union and millions of accidents at the workplace which leave workers injured or suffering permanent damage to their health,
- B. whereas Title XI, Chapter I, Article 136 of the Treaty establishing the European Community already included improved living and working conditions among the objectives of the Community and the Member States, having in mind fundamental social rights,
- C. whereas the Community strategy for health and safety at the workplace over the period to 2012 sets as its main objective a 25% reduction in the number of accidents at work,
 1. Regards it as important to establish a European Day to commemorate people killed at work, to be celebrated on 1 May each year;
 2. Calls on the European Union and the Member States to encourage events and measures designed to make workers and employers aware of the risks they face and of better ways of countering those risks, highlighting the importance of safety at the workplace in creating a secure, healthy working environment;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.