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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on media-sector financing – safeguarding the right of information and freedom of expression

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**Written declaration on media-sector financing – safeguarding the right of information and freedom of expression**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Articles 2 and 6 of the Treaty on European Union,
  - having regard to Article 11 of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights,
  - having regard to Directive 2007/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council,
  - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Union promotes freedom of information and whereas pluralism in the media sector is a prerequisite for European democracy,
- B. whereas media pluralism is not guaranteed by competition or technological progress,
- C. whereas media companies are currently affected by the global economic and financial crisis, hundreds of publications have been closed, many media companies are struggling to avert bankruptcy and thousands of journalists have been made redundant,
1. Recommends that Member States seek new sources of funding for information media and provide financial aid to support independent journalism free of any political or commercial interference at national level;
  2. Stresses the need to provide additional financial support to improve the social and professional conditions of journalists and media-sector workers in the EU;
  3. Calls on the Member States to monitor and ensure full compliance with the principle of media independence by fully enforcing Article 11 of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights as referred in the Lisbon Treaty in order to prevent undue interference in the work of journalists and the media;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and to the parliaments of the Member States.