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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure  
on a clean Parliament

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**Written declaration on a clean Parliament**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Parliament must guarantee voters the greatest possible transparency regarding its activities, in line with the best traditions of European parliamentarianism,
- B. whereas the need for transparency and effectiveness is greater at European level than at national level, given the sensitivity and importance of these issues, which affect half a billion people,
- C. whereas Parliament shares responsibility for European legislation in areas including judicial and police cooperation in criminal matters and should, with the Council, protect and promote fundamental and citizens' rights, as laid down in the Charter of Fundamental Rights,
  1. Considers that these legislative duties should not be carried out by people who have been convicted, even in first instance and even where the sentence does not include exclusion from public office;
  2. Considers that candidates for European elections must not have been convicted of corruption, abuse of public office, incitement to racism or crimes relating to involvement with mafia groups, organised crime or terrorism;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.