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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the regulation of flavourings under the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

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Written declaration on the regulation of flavourings under the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Directive 2001/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2001 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco products,
- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas tobacco is one of the most regulated products and whereas the European tobacco industry has often taken part in prevention and information campaigns to discourage tobacco consumption, especially among young people,
- B. whereas ingredients will be regulated under the Framework Convention on the basis of the internationally disputed rules – since they are not supported by scientific evidence – adopted by the Canadian Government, whereby flavourings are totally prohibited,
- C. whereas if the Convention were to be approved, serious consequences would inevitably ensue:
 - Oriental and burley tobacco growing, a source of employment for the socially disadvantaged, would be placed in jeopardy;
 - the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade would be breached,
- D. worried that tobacco control policies do not fully allow for the adverse effects that imports from non-EU countries would have on the health of EU citizens,
 1. Calls for the economic and social impact of the measures in question – assuming that they were adopted – to be taken into account;
 2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to bear the above points in mind in the negotiations on the Framework Convention;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the parliaments and governments of the Member States and to the Council.