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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the establishment of a European Day to commemorate those who die for peace

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Written declaration on the establishment of a European Day to commemorate those who die for peace

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas the Petersberg tasks cited in Article 42 of the Treaty on European Union are an integral part of the European security and defence policy (ESDP),
 - B. whereas the Union's action on the international scene (Title V, Chapter 1, Article 21) seeks to safeguard and advance principles such as democracy, the universality and indivisibility of human rights equality and solidarity,
 - C. whereas the Union's action in its civilian and military missions seeks to keep the peace, prevent conflicts and strengthen international security, in compliance with international law, and in particular with the principles laid down in the Charter of the United Nations,
 - D. whereas there are currently 29 wars being fought in the world and, over the past few years, the Member States involved in these actions have suffered serious civilian and military losses,
1. Calls on the Commission to recognise the high ethical and moral value of a European Day to commemorate civilian and military victims, to be celebrated on 12 November as an extraordinary opportunity to pay tribute to the victims and express sorrow to their families members;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the parliaments of the Member States.