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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on the protection of Kosovar Roma minors

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Written declaration on the protection of Kosovar Roma minors

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 6(3) of the Treaty on European Union, under which the EU must respect fundamental rights in whatever action it takes,
 - having regard to the reports by the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe Thomas Hammarberg, on the situation of the Roma in Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244),
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas reports by the Commission, the UNHCR, Amnesty International and various Kosovar NGOs show that members of minorities (mainly the Roma) returned to Kosovo face serious discrimination in the areas of housing, healthcare, employment, education and social protection, and that ethnically-motivated incidents continue to go unreported; whereas, therefore, returned Roma children's lives and development are threatened,
1. Expresses concern in relation to the forced repatriations of Roma to Kosovo and asks Member States to bring an end to forced expulsions;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.