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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on the fight against stalking

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Written declaration on the fight against stalking

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas stalking can be a terrifying experience; placing victims at risk of psychological trauma and physical harm,
- B. whereas 1.2 million women and 900 000 men are affected by stalking annually in the UK and it is estimated that similar rates exist in other EU Member States,
- C. whereas 7 Member States have now recognised the crime of stalking, but 20 Member States still have not,
- 1. Urges all Member States to recognise stalking as a criminal offence and introduce anti-stalking legislation;
- 2. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to do more to raise awareness of this issue, and on the Member States to introduce more specific training for police officers and measures to support the victims of stalking;
- 3. Urges the Commission to do more research into levels of stalking, and propose measures to exchange best practice in this field and consider what further action it believes needs to be taken at EU level;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the Member States, the Council of Europe and the UN.