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pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on raising the profile of the crafts and cultural heritage of Europe's Roma community to support its economic and social integration

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Written declaration on raising the profile of the crafts and cultural heritage of Europe's Roma community to support its economic and social integration

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the resolutions it has adopted on improving the situation of the Roma,
 - having regard to the Commission Communication of 7 April 2010 on the social and economic integration of the Roma in Europe,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the integration of the Roma community is a priority for the EU,
- B. whereas several Member States (including Spain) have achieved notable success as regards the social and economic integration of the Roma, while also promoting the specific culture of that community,
- C. whereas the traditions, culture and crafts of the Roma community are European and universal cultural assets which should be brought to the fore and can contribute to the economic and social integration of that community,
1. Calls on the European Commission to include, in its future action plans, a raft of concrete measures to promote the traditional crafts, music and traditions of the Roma community;
 2. Calls on the Commission to establish an inventory of good practices in this area, including examples of successful policies implemented by Member States to improve the situation of the Roma;
 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.