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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on the UN Migrant Workers Convention

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Written declaration on the UN Migrant Workers Convention

The European Parliament,

- whereas to date no EU Member State has signed or ratified the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, which is one of the nine core UN human rights instruments,
 - having regard to the Treaty of Lisbon and to the accession of the EU to the ECHR,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas labour migration is a growing phenomenon, with the current number of migrants estimated by the ILO at 214 million, 90 per cent of these being migrant workers and their families,
 - B. whereas migrant workers and their families are particularly vulnerable and therefore need special protection,
 - C. whereas migrant workers, regardless of their status, must enjoy equal treatment and full respect for their fundamental rights,
 - D. whereas widespread abuse and exploitation of migrant workers is a serious problem, especially in sectors with a low trade union presence,
1. Urges the Member States to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the UN Migrant Workers Convention to ratify this text, thereby affirming their commitment to protecting the human rights of migrant workers and members of their families;
 2. Calls on the European Union institutions to incorporate the provisions of this convention in both existing and future EU legislation;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.