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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure  
on prohibiting of overtaking by HGVs on two-lane motorways

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**Written declaration on prohibiting of overtaking by HGVs on two-lane motorways**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the ruling by the Oberlandesgericht Hamm (Hamm Higher Regional Court) of 12 October 2008 that overtaking manoeuvres may not take longer than 45 seconds,
- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas all serious studies show that transit traffic within the EU will continue to increase and this will place a greater strain in particular on two-lane motorway sections,
- B. whereas overtaking by HGVs on two-lane motorway sections restricts the flow of traffic in the left lane and means greater potential hazards for all road users,
- C. whereas, when overtaking, HGVs often exceed the maximum speed laid down,
- D. whereas current provisions are inadequate and 41% of collisions in Austria are caused by heavy goods vehicles,
- E. whereas overtaking within the stipulated maximum period of time has been shown to be scarcely possible with HGVs on motorways, and this practically amounts to a ban on overtaking,
- F. whereas there is a ban on overtaking by heavy goods vehicles in the Slovak Republic,
  1. Considers that a general ban on overtaking by HGVs on two-lane motorways is essential in order to ensure the flow of traffic for all road users and reduce the potential hazards and the number of accidents;
  2. Calls on the Member States to discuss, and lay down in their legislation, a general ban on overtaking by HGVs on two-lane motorways;
  3. Calls on the Member States to tighten up their checks on HGVs in relation to the technical condition of the vehicles and compliance with the maximum driving time laid down per driver;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the governments of the Member States, the Commission and the Council.