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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the work of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus

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Written declaration on the work of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas during the 1963-1964 intercommunal fighting, and thereafter with the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus, around 2000 individuals from both the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities were reported as missing,
- B. whereas the whereabouts and fate of many of these individuals are still unknown,
- C. whereas the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus (CMP), which is supported financially by the United Nations, the European Commission and other donors, works to establish the fate of those reported missing,
 1. Fully endorses the work of the CMP and recognises its post-conflict role in promoting truth, remembrance and reconciliation in Cyprus;
 2. Calls on the European Commission to continue to allocate sufficient resources to the CMP to enable it to fulfil its important mandate;
 3. Calls on the Governments of Turkey and Cyprus to continue to support the CMP's work, to redouble efforts to account for those individuals still listed as missing and to ensure that all information that could facilitate the mission of the CMP is made freely available to it;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the parliaments of the Member States and the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus.