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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on the danger of Taliban presence in Pakistan

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Written declaration on the danger of Taliban presence in Pakistan

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU is worried about Taliban infiltration into Pakistani governmental structures, particularly the military, intelligence and security establishments,
- B. whereas US President Barack Obama already warned in 2009 of the possibility of the Taliban ‘snatching a nuclear weapon in transport or inserting sympathisers into laboratories’,
- C. whereas intelligence sources today state that the Taliban are continuously attempting to gain control over nuclear warheads, which clearly poses a threat for Europe and the world,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to re-evaluate the size and objectives of its financial aid package to Pakistan, depending on the sincere efforts of the Pakistani Government to eradicate terrorist groups operating on and from Pakistani soil;
- 2. Calls upon the Vice-President/High Representative to present, as a priority, an updated Security Strategy for the European Union;
- 3. In conjunction with this, calls upon the VP/HR to appoint senior security experts to undertake a thorough study of the security situation in the region;
- 4. Additionally, calls upon the VP/HR to make sure that all EU operations and missions in the region are undertaken by personnel trained and equipped for the possibility of CBRN terrorism (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear terrorism);
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the European Council, the President of Pakistan and all embassies in Brussels.