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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the export of drugs used for the death penalty in third countries

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Written declaration on the export of drugs used for the death penalty in third countries

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union, Council Regulation (EC) No 1236/2005, and Article 2 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU has been a global leader in advocating the abolition of the death penalty,
 - B. whereas the United States is currently experiencing a shortage of drugs that certain states use to execute people by lethal injection,
 - C. whereas drugs used in lethal injections are currently not included in Annex III of Council Regulation (EC) No 1236/2005 (items subject to prior export authorisation) leaving European pharmaceutical companies free to supply these drugs to third countries that use them in executions,
 1. Calls on the Commission to immediately place on Annex III of Council Regulation (EC) No 1236/2005 drugs, including but not limited to Sodium Thiopental and Pentobarbital, that are sourced in the EU and that can be used in executions in third countries;
 2. Urges the Commission to regularly review and if necessary revise the aforementioned Regulation's Annexes;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Parliaments of the Member States.