WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on support for the Global Zero Action Plan for the phased and verified elimination of all nuclear weapons worldwide

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Written declaration, under Rule 123 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on support for the Global Zero Action Plan for the phased and verified elimination of all nuclear weapons worldwide

1. Nuclear weapons present unacceptable financial costs and security risks, including proliferation and nuclear terrorism;

2. There is significant public and political support for the Global Zero Action Plan, a comprehensive policy framework for the phased and verified elimination of all nuclear weapons worldwide by 2030;

3. The next step in that plan is the reduction of US and Russian arsenals to a total of 1 000 nuclear weapons each and the removal of both countries’ tactical nuclear weapons from the European continent, thereby paving the way for multilateral nuclear arms negotiations on the phased elimination of all nuclear weapons worldwide, a comprehensive verification and enforcement regime and strengthened safeguards for the nuclear fuel cycle;

4. The Member States are called upon to support and take steps to advance the Global Zero Action Plan;

5. The US and Russian Governments are encouraged to reduce their arsenals to a total of 1 000 nuclear weapons each and to remove their tactical nuclear weapons from the European continent;

6. All nuclear weapons countries are called upon to participate in multilateral negotiations on the phased and verified elimination of all nuclear weapons worldwide and the establishment of a verification system that includes intrusive, unrestricted inspections;

7. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and to the United States, Russia and all nuclear weapons countries.

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1 In accordance with Rule 123(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, when the declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it shall be published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.