WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure

on the more effective and coordinated implementation of the EU macro-regional strategies

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1. Since 2009 the EU has adopted three macro-regional strategies for the Baltic Sea region, the Danube region and the Adriatic and Ionian region.

2. Although macro-regional strategies represent significant opportunities for comprehensive development of the EU regions, addressing common challenges and potential, as well as a clear EU added value, the responsibility for the implementation of the strategies remains divided among the Commission, participating Member States and stakeholders, meaning that the progress of the implementation of the strategies, in particular the Baltic strategy, is not satisfactory.

3. The Commission is hence called upon to improve the governance of the macro-regional strategies and to play a more significant role ensuring effective implementation of these strategies.

4. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

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1 Under Rule 136(4) and (5) of Parliament’s Rules of Procedure, where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament’s component Members, it is published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.