

European early warning system for paedophiles and sex offenders

Declaration of the European Parliament of 23 June 2010 on setting up a European early warning system (EWS) for paedophiles and sex offenders

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 26 November 2009 on the elimination of violence against women¹,
 - having regard to the Commission Communication of 22 May 2007 entitled "Towards a general policy on the fight against cyber crime" (COM(2007)0267),
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas it is essential to ensure that the Internet continues to afford a high level of virtual democracy, which does not present any threat to women and children,
- B. whereas, however, improper use of the opportunities provided by technology may facilitate child pornography and sex offending,
- C. whereas the Internet also allows paedophiles and sex offenders to enjoy freedom of action, putting them on the same footing as honest citizens and making it difficult for the authorities to trace them,
1. Calls on the Council and the Commission to act on its above-mentioned Communication;
 2. Asks the Council and the Commission to implement Directive 2006/24/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 on the retention of data generated or processed in connection with the provision of publicly available electronic communications services or of public communications networks² and extend it to search engines in order to tackle online child pornography and sex offending rapidly and effectively;
 3. Calls on the Member States to coordinate a European early warning system involving their public authorities, based on the existing system for food safety, as a means of tackling paedophilia and sex offending;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories³, to the Council and the Commission.

¹ Texts adopted, P7_TA(2009)0098.

² OJ L 105, 13.4.2006, p. 54.

³ The list of signatories is published in Annex 1 to the Minutes of 23 June 2010 (P7_PV(2010)06-23(ANN1)).