WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure

on excessive mobile charges in the EU

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1. The Commission has committed itself to provide the freedom to consume digital services throughout the European Union and to create a single market.

2. The removal of all barriers in the European telecoms market is crucial to achieve this goal.

3. The Connected Continent legislative package made considerable improvements with regard to roaming charges and fixed-line calls to other EU Member States, but did not cover all the issues.

4. There are still great differences between Member States when it comes to mobile phone calls from the country of origin to another EU Member State. These types of calls are covered neither by the new roaming rules nor by the fixed-line rules.

5. As intra-EU mobile calls represent a great burden for businesses and customers, future EU solutions should also include a lower and unified rate for non-roaming, intra-EU mobile calls.

6. The Commission is therefore called upon to respond to these challenges and to seek appropriate solutions as soon as possible.

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

\(^1\) 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.