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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on measures for the protection and conservation of UNESCO World Heritage sites

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**Written declaration on measures for the protection and conservation of UNESCO World Heritage sites**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the World Heritage Convention adopted by the UNESCO General Conference on 16 November 1972
  - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the World Heritage Committee lists 890 World Heritage sites in 148 countries,
- B. whereas, in accordance with the UNESCO World Heritage Convention, the European Parliament recognises that sites designated as 'World Heritage' in the EU Member States are of special value as the embodiment of the cultural, environmental and traditional identities of Europe,
- C. recognising that UNESCO sites serve as models for the protection and enhancement of the 'cultural, environmental and traditional assets' of the Union and are also of service in promoting Europe and its educational values, as well as regional and economic development and tourism,
1. Calls on the Commission to take specific measures for the protection and conservation of UNESCO sites in Europe;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and Council and to the parliaments of the Member States.