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WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on the freedom of oppressed minorities and people

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Written declaration, under Rule 123 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on the freedom of oppressed minorities and people¹

1. The founding Treaties commit the Union to having its actions guided by the principles of democracy, the rule of law, the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for human dignity and the rights of minorities, the principles of equality and solidarity, and respect for the principles of the United Nations Charter and international law.
2. The condition of human rights and the absence of fundamental freedoms that many minorities and peoples are enduring continue to represent a growing threat in many parts of the world, resulting in discrimination, intolerance and violence.
3. The Commission is called upon to raise awareness of the need to respect the freedom of oppressed minorities and people, taking inspiration from the 'March for Freedom' organised every year by the Società Libera association and by communities of oppressed people in exile.
4. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Commission.

¹ Under Rule 123(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.