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on nuclear disarmament

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Written declaration on nuclear disarmament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas concerns are rising about the threats from the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and the maintenance of nuclear weapons and strategies by States currently possessing such weapons,
- B. whereas the only way to ensure the prevention of nuclear proliferation and the achievement of global security is to move resolutely towards the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons,
- C. whereas this process can be greatly accelerated if, at regional level, groups of states declare themselves a nuclear weapon free zone,
- 1. Calls on all European governments to start negotiations to declare the European continent a nuclear weapon free zone - following the African and Latin American example;
- 2. Calls on the EU to incorporate this objective in the revised versions of the European Security Strategy and the European Union Strategy on Weapons of Mass Destruction;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the governments and the parliaments of all European states.