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on the murder of the human rights activist Munir Said Thalib

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Written declaration on the murder of the human rights activist Munir Said Thalib

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in September 2004 leading Indonesian human rights activist Munir, founder of human rights organisations, died from arsenic poisoning on Garuda flight GA974 from Singapore to Amsterdam,
- B. whereas the report by an independent fact-finding team into the Munir case, ordered by the Indonesian President, has never been made public,
- C. whereas the only person to have been prosecuted in connection with the case, former Garuda co-pilot Pollycarpus Budihari Priyanto, had his conviction overturned by the Indonesian Supreme Court in October 2006,
- D. whereas in April 2007 Indonesian police arrested two new suspects for Munir's murder,
- E. whereas this murder was also meant to intimidate and threaten all other Indonesian human rights defenders and journalists,
- 1. Calls on the Indonesian authorities to take all necessary action to ensure that those responsible for the murder at all levels are brought to trial and justice is delivered as quickly as possible;
- 2. Calls on the Commission and the Council to monitor the investigation into the murder of Munir, including the ongoing trials of former Garuda executives Indra Setiawan and Rohainil Aini, as well as the case review of the Supreme Court's decision in the Pollycarpus case;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the parliaments and governments of the Member States, the President of the Republic of Indonesia and the Speakers of the two Chambers of the Indonesian Parliament.