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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on human rights violations in Iran since the June 2009 Presidential elections

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Written Declaration on human rights violations in Iran since the June 2009 Presidential elections

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on human rights in Iran,
- A. whereas following the mass protests that occurred as a result of the disputed presidential elections in June 2009, the EU strongly condemned the death sentences imposed and executions carried out in Iran, as well as the abuse and torture of dissidents, their family members and peaceful demonstrators, exercising their right to freedom of expression, association and assembly;
- B. whereas on 12th May 2010, the EU called, again, for Iran to introduce a moratorium on the death penalty, in accordance with UNGA Resolutions 62/149 and 63/168;
- C. whereas Iran continues to deny gender equality and religious freedom, persecutes human rights activists, journalists, homosexuals, women's- minority- and labour rights' activists;
1. Urges the Commission and Member States to increase efforts to support human rights activists inside Iran and grant temporary asylum to Iranian dissidents;
 2. Requests an urgent progress report on the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) 1236/2005, concerning trade in goods and technologies, which could be used for capital punishment, torture, cruel treatment, censorship and filtering specifically with reference to Iran;
 3. Calls for the extension of the existing list of individuals and organisations subject to the EU travel ban and freezing of assets to those implicated in human rights violations in Iran, who continue to operate with impunity;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.