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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the return of the sealed-off section of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants

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Written declaration on the return of the sealed-off section of Famagusta to its lawful inhabitants

The European Parliament,

- recalling its 1993 resolution on Cyprus,
 - recalling its 2009 resolution on Turkey's progress report,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the city of Famagusta in the Republic of Cyprus was captured by the invading Turkish forces in August 1974,
 - B. whereas a section of Famagusta was then sealed off and remains uninhabited, under the direct control of the Turkish military,
 - C. whereas the return of the Famagusta sealed-off section to its lawful inhabitants would facilitate efforts toward a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem,
 - D. noting the 1979 High Level Agreement and UNSC Resolutions 550(1984) and 789(1992),
 - E. noting the 2008 Report of the Committee on Petitions on Petition 733/2004,
1. Calls on the Government of Turkey to act according to the aforementioned UNSC Resolutions and Report Recommendations and return the Famagusta sealed-off section to its lawful inhabitants, who must resettle under conditions of security and peace;
 2. Urges the EU institutions to coordinate their efforts with Parliament to promote Turkey's cooperation;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council, the governments of the Member States, the UN Secretary General and the Government of Turkey.