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WRITTEN DECLARATION

Pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

On financing media sector – ensuring the right of information and freedom of expression

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Written declaration on the financing the media sector – ensuring the right of information and freedom of expression

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to article 2 and article 6 of the Lisbon Treaty,
 - having regard to article 11 of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights
 - having regard to the 2007/65/CE Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council,
- A. whereas the European Union promotes freedom of information and where pluralism in media sector is a prerequisite for European democracy;
- B. whereas media pluralism is not guaranteed by competition or technological progress,
- C. whereas at this moment, media companies are affected by global economic and financial crisis and hundreds of publications have been closed, media companies are struggling with bankruptcy, and thousands of journalists have been fired;
1. Recommends Member States to take action, to seek for new ways of funding for information media providing financial aid, to support independent journalism free of any political and commercial interference at national level;
 2. Stresses the need to give auxiliary financial support for improving social and professional conditions of journalists and media sector workers in EU;
 3. Calls on the Member states to monitor and ensure full compliance with the principle of media independence by fully enforcing Article 11 of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights as referred in the Lisbon Treaty in order to prevent undue interference in the work of journalists and media;
 4. Instructs the President to forward this declaration, together with the name of its signatories, to the Commission and to the parliaments of the Member States.

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