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on the ban on the production, sale and distribution of Nazi items and insignia
within the EU

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Written declaration on the ban on the production, sale and distribution of Nazi items and insignia within the EU

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas it is still possible to obtain insignia and other items that are part of Nazi imagery, which are, for example, on sale in a town as symbolic as Auschwitz but also in other European towns and on the Internet,
- B. whereas the fact that such items are freely available is a flagrant violation of the principles set out in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, but it is also manifestly contrary to the European objectives of combating racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism,
- C. whereas in various European countries the circulation of such items and insignia has become commonplace on the pretext that they are antiques,
1. Calls on the Commission and the Council of the European Union to ban the production, sale and any form of distribution within the European Union of insignia and other items that are part of Nazi imagery;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the parliaments of the Member States, the Council and the Commission.