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pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the deaths of Sikh civilians in Panjaab and India in 1984

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Written declaration on the deaths of Sikh civilians in Panjaab and India in 1984

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. noting with immense concern and alarm the carnage of 1984, twenty years ago, in Panjaab and India, involving the deaths of tens of thousands of Sikh civilians,
- B. alarmed by the considerable number of reports from Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International documenting widespread abuse of the human rights of Sikh activists and Sikh civilians by the Indian authorities,
- C. recognising the report '1984 Sikhs' Kristallnacht', which documents information from a wide range of sources about the events of 1984,
 1. Calls upon the European Union to study this report and other human rights material from Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch;
 2. Supports the call for a Commission of Truth and Justice under the auspices of the UN to comprehensively investigate whether the slaughter to which Indian Sikhs were subjected in 1984 constitutes genocide as defined in the Genocide Convention and the relevant international law.