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WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on the doubling of the capacity of the Nord Stream pipeline

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on the doubling of the capacity of the Nord Stream pipeline¹

1. In September 2015, Gazprom and a number of European companies announced their project to double the existing capacity of the Nord Stream gas pipeline between Russia and Germany.
2. This project will undermine the status of Ukraine as a gas transit country, lead to dramatic geopolitical consequences, threaten the Energy Union, the security of gas supply and energy security in central and south-eastern Europe and Ukraine, and enhance Russia's capacity to leverage energy dependence for political influence.
3. The project is likely to have negative consequences for the marine environment of the Baltic Sea.
4. The project raises concerns as regards its compatibility with the internal energy market, particularly the Third Energy Package. In addition, it is being led by a company under investigation for allegedly abusing its dominant position by imposing territorial restrictions, pursuing unfair pricing policies and extorting unrelated commitments.
5. In order to safeguard the principle of 'solidarity and trust' and to pursue the diversification of supply promoted by the Energy Union, the Commission is called upon to take steps to prevent the capacity of the Nord Stream pipeline being doubled. The European Council is called upon to address the same issue.
6. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council, the Commission and the European Council.

¹ Under Rule 136(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it is published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.