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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on Camp Ashraf

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Written declaration on Camp Ashraf

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on human rights in Iran,
 - having regard to its resolution of 24 April 2009 on Camp Ashraf, home to 3400 Iranian dissidents in Iraq, including 1000 women, all of whom are 'Protected Persons' under the 4th Geneva Convention,
 - having regard to the removal of the opposition PMOI from the EU's blacklist in 2009,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas several relatives of Ashraf residents have been sentenced to death by the Iranian regime after returning from visits to their families in Ashraf,
- B. whereas the Iraqi Government has failed to respect the EP resolution and is continuing a merciless siege of the Camp,
- C. whereas the residents are still being subjected to external pressures under the pretext that the PMOI remains on the US blacklist,
- D. whereas in July 2010 the US Appeals Court in Washington ruled in favour of the PMOI and urged the State Department to review its decision to maintain them on the US terrorist blacklist,
- E. whereas US and UN forces have withdrawn from Ashraf and residents are now vulnerable to attack,
1. Calls on the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to urge the USA to follow the example of the EU by removing the PMOI from its blacklist and to urge the UN to provide urgent protection for Ashraf;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the parliaments of the Member States.