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on the need to end the connection between business travellers and the
trafficking of women and children into forced prostitution

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Written declaration on the need to end the connection between business travellers and the trafficking of women and children into forced prostitution

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA of 22 December 2003,
 - having regard to Council Resolution of 20 October 2003 on initiatives to combat trafficking in human beings, in particular women,
 - having regard to Council Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA of 19 July 2002,
 - having regard to the Committee on Development report on tourism and development (2004/2212(INI)),
 - having regard to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
 - having regard to the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 197),
 - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas more than two million women, children and men are trafficked every year into forced labour and sexual exploitation,
- B. whereas a part of this trade is encouraged by business travellers who use trafficked women and children as prostitutes while in any State,
- C. whereas greater awareness amongst the business travel community, and a chance to report what they see and also to urge hotels to break all connection with forced prostitution will reduce the number of women and children being trafficked and exploited,
1. Stresses the need for greater awareness of the problem of human trafficking in the business community;
 2. Urges MEPs, the Commission and the Council to individually support and become a part of the Business Travellers against Human Trafficking campaign and to promote this campaign among businesses in the areas they represent;
 3. Urges the Commission and the Council to set in place procedures which offer this campaign to all employees as they join the institutions;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.