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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on INDECT (intelligent information system supporting observation, searching and detection for security of citizens in urban environment)

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Written declaration on INDECT (intelligent information system supporting observation, searching and detection for security of citizens in urban environment)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas INDECT is a research project aimed at developing an automated observation system that constantly monitors web sites, surveillance cameras and individual computer systems to develop a new type of search engine combining direct search of images and video-based content,
- B. whereas the INDECT Ethics Board, responsible for dealing with potential ethical problems, has decided that information that may have a negative impact on the reputation of the research project should be kept confidential,
- C. whereas INDECT is funded by the 7th FWP, receiving EUR 10.91 million in the time period 2009-2013,
- D. whereas Parliament and the Council establish the Union's annual budget as well as the measures necessary for the implementation of the European research area,
- E. whereas the Commission is obliged to regularly report the results of the monitoring of the 7th FWP and its specific programmes to Parliament,
 1. Emphasises its commitment to safeguarding the civil liberties of European citizens;
 2. Expresses concern about function creep, the possible impact on fundamental rights and the danger that researched technologies or collected information are used by public actors or third parties;
 3. Strongly urges the Commission to immediately make all documents related to INDECT available and to define a clear and strict mandate for the research goal, the application and the end users of INDECT;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and Council.