Combating sexual exploitation of children and child pornography

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PURPOSE: to propose a European Parliament recommendation to the Council on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography.

CONTENT: pursuant to Rule 114(1) of the Rules of Procedure, Roberta **ANGELILLI** (UEN, IT) proposed, on behalf of the UEN Group, a draft recommendation on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography. In its recommendation, Parliament noted that at the end of April 2007, three Member States had not yet implemented Council framework decision 2004/68/JHA on combating the sexual exploitation of children and child pornography (see CNS/2001/0025). It addressed the following recommendations to Council:

- Member States that have not yet implemented the abovementioned framework Decision should do so as soon as possible;
- Member States that have not yet adopted legislation on the definition of child pornography as set out in Article 1(b) of the framework Decision to do so as soon as possible;
- Member States that have not yet forwarded the relevant documentation for the evaluation of their legislation on the definition of 'computer system' should do so as soon as possible;
- Member States that have not yet complied with the minimum requirement of criminalisation of child pornography should do so as soon as possible;
- Member States that have not yet complied with the rule on extraterritorial jurisdiction when the offender is one of the nationals of the country concerned, should do so as soon as possible;
- lastly, Member States that have not yet adopted legislation to strengthen protection of, and assistance to, child victims of sexual exploitation to do so as soon as possible.