WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on energy efficiency of the European Union's institution buildings

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Written declaration on energy efficiency of the European Union's institution buildings

The European Parliament,

– having regard to the TFEU, and in particular Article 194(2),
– having regard to Directive 2010/31/EU on the energy performance of buildings (Recast),
– having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas buildings account for 40% of total energy consumption in the EU,

B. whereas reduction of energy consumption and the use of energy from renewable sources in the buildings sector constitute important measures to reduce the Union's energy dependency and greenhouse gas emissions,

C. whereas the public sector in the EU should lead the way in the field of energy performance of buildings,

1. Calls on the European institutions to set up a carbon footprint analysis of their buildings associated with a concrete Action Plan in order to reduce emissions and costs, and to make it public as soon as possible;

2. Calls on the European institutions to lead by example in the field of energy performance of buildings and to thoroughly renovate their buildings to the best standards, by 2020;

3. Calls on the European institutions to use renewable sources and on-site production of renewable energy;

4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, Commission and other European Union bodies concerned.