WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on engaging with children and young people to tackle climate change

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Written declaration on engaging with children and young people to tackle climate change

The European Parliament,

– having regard to the commitments toward children and young people enshrined in the Treaty of Lisbon and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
– having regard to Article 6 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,
– having regard to Article 24 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union,
– having regard to its report entitled ‘Towards an EU strategy on the Rights of the Child’,
– having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas it is anticipated that the effects of climate change will continue to worsen, affecting today’s children throughout their lives more than today’s adults;

B. whereas young people often feel frustrated by barriers preventing them from engaging in national and European democracy;

1. Calls on the Commission to engage directly and meaningfully with young people;

2. Recommends that the Member States further incorporate sustainability into their school curricula;

3. 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.