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on the European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity in 2012

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Written declaration on the European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity in 2012

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 3 of the Treaty of Lisbon promoting solidarity between generations,
 - having regard to Article 25 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union protecting the rights of the elderly,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas demographic change is, together with climate change and the economic crisis, the main challenge that EU Member States will have to face in the coming decades;
- B. whereas 2012 will be the European Year on Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations and it is of utmost importance to create age-friendly environments;
1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to support the creation of an EU age-friendly environment network that would provide support to local, regional and national actors seeking to foster active and healthy ageing using the participatory methodology developed by the World Health Organisation;
 2. Calls on the Commission to launch a European Covenant of Mayors on Active and Healthy Ageing to support the exchange of experiences and good practices at local and regional levels, and a ‘Seniors in Action - Invest in Silver Innovation’ programme to train older volunteers to map the needs of older people in their communities;
 3. Calls on the Member States to develop national action plans on active and healthy ageing within their National Reform Plans;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.