

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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WRITTEN DECLARATION

for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure

by the following Members: Helmer, Kauppi, Ducarme and Doyle

on country sports

The European Parliament,

- A. Notes with concern the increasing pressures in several Member States against country sports and traditional rural pursuits;
 - B. Recognises the important contribution made by properly regulated traditional country sports to maintenance of the environment, of wildlife and biodiversity, and to rural communities and the rural economy;
 - C. Affirms the right of citizens to engage in traditional rural sports and pastimes;
 - D. Urges Governments of Member States to respect the rights of citizens in this area;
1. Instructs its President to contact the other relevant EU institutions to ensure that these issues are fully taken into account in the development of Community legislation in the fields of rural development, agriculture, forestry, fisheries and environmental conservation.