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on rejection of the mid-term review of the Common Agricultural Policy

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Declaration on rejection of the mid-term review of the Common Agricultural Policy

The European Parliament,

–   having regard to the communication of 10 July 2002 from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the mid-term review of the Common Agricultural Policy,

A.   whereas agricultural expenditure levels are currently well below those laid down at the Berlin European Council meeting of 24-25 March 1999,

B.   whereas the Common Agricultural Policy should, as a matter of priority, ensure food security in both quantitative and qualitative terms; whereas, given the agricultural sector makes a significant contribution to maintaining economic activity in rural areas and a balanced approach to regional planning and that specific measures must be introduced and maintained for this purpose,

C.   whereas stable rules are essential if the proper investments are to be made and agricultural holdings and companies are to be financially viable,

D.   whereas, in the context of the WTO negotiations, the foundations of the CAP must be preserved and the European agricultural model upheld,

1.   Demands that the terms of the contract concluded between the European Union and its farmers within Agenda 2000 be maintained and complied with, and demands that the European Union require agricultural products imported from third countries to meet the same quality and health standards as applied to EU products;

2.   Considers that Agenda 2000 should not be amended prematurely and that any discussion of the matter should focus on whether the measures proposed will provide specific solutions to the problems experienced by certain sectors;

3.   Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Council and the Commission.

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