

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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WRITTEN DECLARATION

to be entered in the register

submitted pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr Ward Beysen

on reasons for abstaining on the Tampere resolution

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas in the resolution as adopted, no provision has been made for an equitable spread of the burden among Member States,
 - B. whereas it is evident that some Member States are required to bear a much higher share of the burden owing to their geographical location,
 - C. whereas an expression of European solidarity was the least that could have been expected in the circumstances,
 - D. whereas the rights of small Member States must not be restricted,
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- 1. Instructs its President to take note of the reasons for abstaining;
 - 2. Calls on European Heads of Government, pending EU legislation on a clearly defined asylum policy, to proceed with drawing up uniform rules on asylum procedure;
 - 3. Instructs its President to forward this Written Declaration to the European Council.