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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on the threatened wolf population of Sweden and Norway

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**Declaration on the threatened wolf population of Sweden and Norway***The European Parliament,,*

- having regard to the European Union Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals which recognises that the States are and must be the protectors of the migratory species of wild animals that live within or pass through their national jurisdictional boundaries,
- A. whereas the wolf (*canis lupus*) is included on the list of threatened species contained in Annex A (OJ 61),
- B. whereas the population of Swedish and Norwegian wolves must grow to 500 animals to be regarded as viable in the short term,
- C. whereas the wolf population is threatened at a sensitive stage in its development,
- D. concerned that the Norwegian Government's decision to shoot a number of wolves threatens the existence of the highly sensitive wolf population,
- E. concerned that the Swedish Government's plans to allow private individuals, without special authorisation, to shoot wolves which attack domestic animals threaten the development of the wolf population,
- 1. Calls on the governments of the States concerned, the Commission and the Council to take immediate measures to protect the wolf population and its environment in accordance with the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of Sweden and Norway.