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on a Community environmental education module in schools

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Declaration on a Community environmental education module in schools

The European Parliament,

- A. noting that current environmental problems, such as global warming, meteorological disturbances and pollution know no borders and their future impact is simply impossible to predict,
- B. believing that there is a direct correlation between these ecological, economic and humanitarian catastrophes and the tradition of industrialist policies and sociological attitudes which do not incorporate the environmental dimension,
- C. alarmed at the irreversibility of the deterioration of natural resources and living conditions, and believing that in the medium-term this can only get worse if we continue to fail to incorporate – in economic, sociological and psychological terms – the vital issue of the environment,
- D. believing that it has a moral and political responsibility for handing on to future generations of Europeans a healthy living and working environment founded on sustainable development,
 1. Calls on the Commission:
 - to start educating people as of now about the fight against the destruction of the environment,
 - to pro-actively promote, in the face of the extent of the ecological threats, a Community policy of environmental prevention and education,
 - to put together Community-wide school teaching modules to inculcate the future generations of the enlarged Union with a sense of environmental responsibility;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Commission, the Council and the Member States and the candidate countries and to UNESCO.