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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure

by Freddy Blak

on support for the mid-term review of the common agricultural policy

Lapse date: 2 January 2003

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**Declaration on support for 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 concerning the mid-term review of the common agricultural policy,
- A. whereas almost a half of the EU's budget is spent on the common agricultural policy;
- B. whereas the common agricultural policy has transformed European farming into a large-scale industry in which quantity goes before quality and farmers are reduced to living on benefits,
- C. whereas the EU should take its global responsibility seriously in the current negotiations in the World Trade Organisation and voluntarily limit production and export subsidies to European farmers,
- D. whereas reform of the common agricultural policy is urgently required before the enlargement of the EU,
- 1. Calls on the Council to endorse forthwith the Commission's proposal to abolish the link between farmers' production and EU support,
- 2. Calls on the Council to reach an agreement on reform of the common agricultural policy before enlargement of the EU,
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.