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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure

by Ward Beysen

on postponing the enlargement of the European Union

Expiry date: 6 May 2004

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the socioeconomic situations in the applicant countries and in the European Union are very different, which will weaken the European Union,
- B. whereas the people of Europe have not had the opportunity to express themselves in favour of enlargement through a referendum,
- C. drawing particular attention to the problems relating to the transposition of legislation and the effectiveness of the administrative apparatus in the applicant countries,
- D. concerned about the constant violations of human rights, such as trafficking in human beings, and rising corruption,
- E. whereas numerous crimes are committed in the Union in which Eastern European gangs are always involved,
- 1. Considers that the applicant countries are not ready for enlargement;
- 2. Urges the institutions of the European Union and the Member States to postpone the enlargement of the European Union;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States.