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on supplying approved charities working to implement the European
food aid programme for the most deprived citizens

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. aware that 34 million Europeans in the 15 Member States of the European Union and 110 million in the Europe of 25 do not have enough to eat,
- B. whereas meeting the food needs of all Europeans is one of the common agricultural policy's priorities,
- C. whereas the European food aid programme for the most deprived, set up under Council Regulation (EEC) 3730/87, which acts as a basis, and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3149/92, which sets out rules, has proved its worth,
- D. concerned about the future of this operation because Community public intervention stocks are disappearing physically and legally,
- E. aware of the new CAP guidelines,
- 1. Calls on the Commission and Council to
 - recognise the existence of undernourished people in the European Union and to acknowledge the need to meet their food requirements;
 - put the European food aid programme on a permanent footing;
 - modify the rules, to extend distribution of basic foodstuffs to processed products;
 - include in the European food aid programme innovative measures to ensure distribution of balanced food rations;
 - open the measure to new sectors such as fruit, vegetables and fish (also pork and poultry);
 - consider food aid as part of a raft of integrated measures intended to reduce poverty;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, Commission, Member States and applicant countries.