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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure

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on devoting attention to youth in policy measures outside youth policy

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**Written declaration on devoting attention to youth in policy measures outside youth policy**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas the Community already adopts policies, measures and actions in many fields outside the area of youth policy itself which are of direct relevance to young people,
  - B. whereas, in its White Paper 'A new impetus for European youth' (COM(2001) 681), the Commission adopted the objective of devoting more attention to young people under other policy measures,
  - C. whereas it is necessary for the Commission to adopt specific procedures for ensuring this in the future,
  - D. whereas participation by young people must not remain confined to youth policy itself and whereas provision must be made for consultation of children and young people in connection with all important decisions which may affect them,
  - E. whereas the following fields of European Union policy are of particular importance to young people: health, drugs and alcohol, the prohibition of discrimination on any of the grounds referred to in Article 13 of the Treaty on European Union, employment, social integration, education and lifelong learning, immigration, racism and xenophobia, mobility, the information society and equal opportunities for men and women,
1. Calls on the Commission:
    - to devise a standard consultation procedure involving the principal players in youth policy, particularly national youth councils and the European Youth Forum,
    - to adhere to this procedure in connection with every legislative initiative in the fields of policy referred to in Recital E,
    - to take account of the results of this procedure and summarise them in a 'youth section' incorporated in each Commission proposal;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the European Youth Forum.