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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on achieving progress towards the Millennium Development Goals

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**Written declaration on achieving progress towards the Millennium Development Goals**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas increasing aid levels remains the single greatest challenge for achieving the MDGs,
- B. whereas an improvement in the quality of aid is just as important as increases in quantity,
- C. whereas no progress will be possible until the problem of the debt burden of developing countries is addressed,
- D. whereas development policy objectives must be complemented by pro-development policies in other areas, particularly trade,
- E. whereas the Global Call for Action against Poverty (GCAP) has been crucial in raising public awareness of the need for action,
- 1. Welcomes the setting by the Council of a new collective EU target of 0.56% ODA/GNI by 2010;
- 2. Calls for further progress in the negotiations on innovative sources of finance;
- 3. Welcomes the call for a new and more predictable aid mechanism, and advocates rapid implementation of EU and Paris Forum commitments;
- 4. Insists upon the importance of an agreement on further multilateral debt relief to ensure full debt sustainability;
- 5. Underlines the importance of a development-focused EPA agenda for the success of the MDGs in the ACP countries;
- 6. Requests that the Commission present its report on the progress of the EPA negotiations to both Parliament and the Council;
- 7. Supports the actions taken by Parliament to support the GCAP;
- 8. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the UN, the Council, the Commission and the Member States.