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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

by Martin Callanan, Daniel Hannan, Christopher Heaton-Harris and Roger Helmer

on free trade

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**Written declaration on free trade**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas free trade promotes innovation and competition, generates economic growth, disseminates democratic values and fosters economic freedom,
- B. whereas the EU has pursued trade liberalisation, including during the Kennedy Round (1960s), the Tokyo Round (1980s), the Uruguay Round (1994) and the current Doha Development Agenda discussions,
- C. whereas the EU has developed trade strategies with its 77 partners in the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and has trade and association agreements with Mexico and Chile,
- D. whereas the EU is negotiating to liberalise trade with the Mercosur group, the Gulf Cooperation Council and South Africa,
- E. whereas the EU has failed to negotiate free trade agreements with the United States,
  - 1. Believes that individual Member States should be able to pursue free trade agreements;
  - 2. Agrees to support United States Representative Mark Souder's concurrent resolution that calls on the President of the United States to take the necessary steps to conclude a free trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom;
  - 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the US Congress, the British Government and the appropriate international organisations, including the WTO.