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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on financial transparency of NGOs and social partners

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**Written declaration on financial transparency of NGOs and social partners**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. supporting and welcoming the European Commission's European Transparency Initiative (ETI),
- B. noting that the European Commission disburses over € 1 billion to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) every year,
- C. noting that the European Commission provides privileged access to the social partners, namely trade unions and employer confederations,
- D. concerned that many NGOs do not practice the necessary financial transparency,
- E. concerned about the fact that a disproportionately large number of NGOs that are hostile to globalisation and economic development receive funding from governments and European bodies, such as the European Commission,
- F. concerned that social partners do not practice the necessary financial transparency,
- 1. Calls on the European Commission and the Council to demand greater financial transparency from NGOs and social partners as a prerequisite for receiving funding;
- 2. Calls on the European Commission and the Council to review the principles and regulations for the allocation of EU funds to NGOs, with the aim of ensuring transparency and legitimacy in terms of the mission of each NGO, representation by each NGO and the funding of each NGO,
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the European Commission.