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on the eradication of poverty in Europe as the basis for a fairer European social  
model

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**Written declaration on the eradication of poverty in Europe as the basis for a fairer European social model**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its resolution on the World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty,
  - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas the 'European social model' is founded on respect for fundamental rights and human dignity,
  - B. whereas to live in extreme poverty is a violation of human rights,
  - C. whereas despite the commitment made at the Lisbon European Council to 'make a decisive impact on the eradication of poverty', it still persists in Europe today,
1. Calls for the EU Social Inclusion Strategy to be strengthened and made visible, so that it has a real impact on other European strategies;
  2. Calls for the current Common Objectives in the fight against poverty and social exclusion to be maintained in order to preserve an approach based on access for all to fundamental rights;
  3. Calls on EU institutions to evaluate the impact of all European policies on the lives of the poorest people;
  4. Calls on the EU institutions and Member States to create conditions for the effective participation of people experiencing poverty and exclusion in social and political life;
  5. Invites the whole of society to mobilise in order to achieve the objective of eradicating poverty in Europe;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the Member States and the relevant civil society organisations.