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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on supplying approved charities working to implement the European food aid  
programme for the most deprived citizens

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**Written declaration on supplying approved charities working to implement the European food aid programme for the most deprived citizens**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas at least 40 million Europeans in the 25 Member States of the European Union do not have enough to eat,
  - B. whereas meeting the food needs of all Europeans is one of the priorities of the common agricultural policy and one of the founding principles of the Treaty of Rome,
  - C. whereas the European food aid programme for the most deprived has proved its worth and is now vital for millions of Europeans,
  - D. concerned about the future of this operation because Community public intervention stocks are disappearing physically and legally,
1. Calls on the Commission and Council to
    - a. recognise the fact that there are undernourished people in the European Union and acknowledge the need to meet their food requirements,
    - b. put the European food aid programme on a permanent footing and provide a global multiannual budget allocation,
    - c. open the measure up to new sectors such as pork, poultry and eggs,
    - d. include in the European food aid programme innovative measures to ensure distribution of balanced food rations,
    - e. see food aid as part of the aim of reducing poverty,
    - f. modify the rules so as to allow:
      - for stocks to be built up especially, i.e. set aside for and allocated to those most in need,
      - for the bartering procedure to be extended,
      - for products that are not available as part of intervention stocks to be bought on the Community market;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Member States of the European Union.