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pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on supporting Europe's environmental industry

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Written declaration on supporting Europe's environmental industry

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas environmental industries produce environmentally sustainable technologies and services,
- B. whereas the global environmental industry employs over 4 million people, is currently valued at over \$515 billion, and is predicted to grow beyond \$640 billion by 2010,
- C. whereas Europe's environmental industry not only provides solutions to the range of environmental problems that Europe faces, but also stimulates the rest of European industry to become more eco-efficient and competitive,
- D. whereas Europe is committed to becoming the world's most competitive knowledge-based economy by 2010,
- 1. Calls on DG Enterprise to support the huge business opportunities in the ever-expanding global environmental market, and to avoid sidelining these opportunities in its strategies and planning;
- 2. Calls on DG Enterprise to recognise the economic benefits of environmental protection policies, particularly in impact assessments;
- 3. Urges DG Enterprise to put together a team dedicated to promoting Europe's environmental industry;
- 4. Calls on DG Enterprise to include representatives of Europe's environmental industries in all its high-level advisory groups and committees;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission.