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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on introducing a prohibition on the sale of incandescent light bulbs in the European Union

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**Written declaration on introducing a prohibition on the sale of incandescent light bulbs in the European Union**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas energy saving is an essential part of the EU's strategy to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and improve security of supply,
- B. whereas 80% of home lighting today uses highly inefficient incandescent bulbs that convert only 5% of the energy used into light,
- C. whereas these bulbs could be rapidly replaced, saving €5-8 billion across the EU in fuel bills and around 20 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>,
- D. whereas there is a growing worldwide move towards legislation to ban incandescent bulbs, including in Cuba (May 2006), Venezuela (November 2006), California (February 2007), Australia (February 2007) and Ontario (February 2007),
- 1. Calls upon the Commission to initiate legislation to ban the sale of incandescent light bulbs in the European Union by 2010;
- 2. Calls upon Member States, with EU encouragement, immediately to launch public information campaigns on the economic and environmental advantages of efficient lighting systems and to maximise existing legislation to facilitate the phasing-out of incandescent bulbs;
- 3. Urges the Commission to use the proposal for a new international energy efficiency agreement to launch a global ban on the use of incandescent bulbs;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and the Member States.