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on devoting more attention to youth empowerment in EU policies

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Written declaration on devoting more attention to youth empowerment in EU policies

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, in its White Paper 'A new impetus for European youth' (COM(2001)681 (EP resolution A5-0126/2002), the Commission adopted the objective of devoting more attention to young people in other policy fields, especially education and lifelong learning, employment, social integration, health, youth autonomy, mobility, fundamental rights and non-discrimination,
- B. whereas the European Council of 22 - 23 March 2005 adopted a 'European Youth Pact' (7619/05) as one of the instruments contributing to the Lisbon objectives, and renewed its commitment in March 2008, insisting on the need to invest in youth now and in the future,
- C. whereas the Commission reflected the need for mainstreaming of youth issues in its Communication on Youth (COM(2007)498) of 5 September 2007,
- D. whereas Parliament adopted the reports A6-0209/2007 and A6-0024/2008 highlighting the need to take youth more into account,
 1. Calls on the Commission to consider and incorporate the impact on youth and the results of the structured dialogue with youth organisations when preparing legislative proposals, in particular in the policy fields referred to in recital A;
 2. Calls on the Member States to focus on youth when implementing the Lisbon national reform programmes and to take youth into account in the relevant policy fields;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the European Youth Forum.