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on the legislative changes proposed by the Commission with a view to
reducing CO₂ emissions

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Written declaration on the legislative changes proposed by the Commission with a view to reducing CO₂ emissions

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. having regard to the worsening situation faced by households as a result of increases in fuel and energy prices and the ongoing recession in many Community countries, which are leading to poverty and a rise in unemployment and hunger,
- B. whereas the policy to cut greenhouse gases pursued by the 'old' European Union before the accession of the new Member States succeeded in cutting CO₂ emissions by only 2.7%,
- C. having regard to the high costs of adapting industries in the EU countries to the needs of CO₂ reduction and whereas in any case this will not help significantly to improve the climate situation,
- D. whereas, following their accession to the European Union, the new Member States anticipated opportunities for growth which at present are denied to them, while the European Union seeks to reduce CO₂ emissions at their expense, proclaiming this as a huge success, yet destroying their economies in the process,
- E. whereas even a successful European Union policy to curb CO₂ emissions would achieve only a 4% reduction worldwide, while at the same time the countries of the Far East are increasing their emissions by 10 to 20%, developing their industry and thereby destroying the economies of the EU Member States,
 1. Acknowledges that measures to curb CO₂ emissions are harmful to the European Union Member States and that the costs are disproportionately high compared to any small advantages which might accrue in terms of emission reduction at global level;
 2. Requires the Commission to halt all measures relating to CO₂ reduction and to take fresh stock of the real threats posed by this question;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and the Council.