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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on the sustainable management of green areas in Europe

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**Written declaration on the sustainable management of green areas in Europe**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 174 of the EC Treaty, concerning protection of the environment and public health,
  - having regard to Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe,
  - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the degeneration of green areas, owing to their razing as a consequence of the expansion of economic and societal activities, has an adverse effect on public health and the environment, contributing to global warming and the increase in carbon emissions,
- B. whereas property development projects are not managed in a sustainable manner and are not environmentally compatible, leading to a reduction in green space per capita and in quality of life,
1. Requests the Commission and the Council to take the current situation into account when drawing up new environmental standards for the protection of green areas as a method of improving air quality;
  2. Calls on the Commission to bring forward a legislative proposal requiring all Member States to implement and adopt urban transport schemes that are environmentally compatible;
  3. Calls on the Commission to establish a definition of green areas, to prohibit the construction of buildings and other development projects in zones designated as green areas and not to allow any change in land use in already-established green areas;
  4. Calls on the Member States and local and regional authorities to promote green areas, in conjunction with the Commission, using financing from the Cohesion Fund for the period 2007-2013;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and the parliaments of the Member States.