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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on tackling energy poverty in the European Union

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**Written declaration on tackling energy poverty in the European Union**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission staff working document of 10 January 2007 entitled ‘EU energy policy data’ (SEC(2007) 12),
  - having regard to the Commission communication of 5 July 2007 entitled ‘Towards a European Charter on the rights of energy consumers’ (COM(2007) 386),
  - having regard to its report adopted at first reading on the proposal for a directive amending Directive 2003/54/EC concerning common rules for the internal market in energy,
  - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the rising global price of oil is increasing the cost of energy for consumers,
- B. whereas energy is a basic human need, and yet a growing number of EU citizens are unable to afford their energy bills, and whereas vulnerable customers, including the elderly and disabled and low income families, are those most affected,
1. Considers that the Commission should bring forward a communication on tackling energy poverty in the European Union;
  2. Calls on Member States to provide national definitions of energy poverty and to develop national action plans to eradicate energy poverty;
  3. Calls on the Commission to monitor and coordinate the data provided by Member States, in addition to ensuring that universal and public service obligations are respected;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and the Council.