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on the situation of obese children

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Written declaration on the situation of obese children

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 152 of the Treaty,
 - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the number of obese children is continually on the rise,
- B. whereas obesity is associated with a large number of health problems, including diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and certain types of cancer,
- C. whereas existing programmes to combat obesity mostly concern prevention and information,
1. Calls on the Commission and Council:
 - to look at this situation in detail;
 - to establish special new programmes for these children, which should include free regular medical tests starting at the age of six;
 - to support the introduction of compulsory nutrition lessons;
 - to propose psychological consultation programmes to help these children;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the parliaments of the Member States.