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on the establishment of an International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

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Written declaration on the establishment of an International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the global energy demand is currently covered primarily by conventional energy sources,
- B. whereas two billion people around the globe are still lacking access to modern energy services,
- C. whereas the burning of fossil energy sources has significantly contributed to global warming and climate change,
- D. whereas fossil energy and nuclear energy are represented respectively by the International Energy Agency (IEA) and by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA),
- E. whereas the resolution of the International Parliamentary Forum on Renewable Energy 2004 urged for the establishment of an International Renewable Energy Agency,
- 1. Considers that the promotion of renewable energy sources requires new institutional measures in the field of international cooperation;
- 2. Welcomes the initiative by the German, Danish and Spanish Governments for the foundation of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA);
- 3. Calls on all EU national parliaments to join in this endeavour and to support the foundation of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA);
- 4. Calls on all EU governments to support the foundation of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and become founding members of that Agency;
- 5. Calls on the Commission to support this initiative and to become a founding member of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA);
- 6. 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.