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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the promotion of electric cars

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**Written declaration on the promotion of electric cars**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. recalling that particulate pollution from means of transport that use fossil fuels is so high that the EU's upcoming limit values have already been exceeded in various places and the problem is getting worse as we drive longer distances and more often,
- B. whereas electric cars are a clean and noiseless means of transport,
- C. whereas electric motors have the highest energy efficiency and, combined with modern battery technology that has minimum charge/discharge losses, produce a vehicle with its own energy supply that has the lowest energy consumption,
- D. whereas at a future point in time, when there are large numbers of electric cars, these can serve as a source of renewable energy,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to take initiatives to promote electric cars, such as:
  - introducing a common minimum CO<sub>2</sub> levy on fossil energy in the transport sector,
  - introducing a common minimum levy on internal combustion engines,
  - spending the revenue from these two levies on projects to promote conversion;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to allow Member States to positively discriminate in favour of electric cars;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, and the Council.