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on harmonisation of the tax system in the countries of the European Union
through the introduction of a family allowance

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Written declaration on harmonisation of the tax system in EU countries through the introduction of a family allowance

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the current financial crisis has placed social categories on middle-to-low incomes in serious difficulty, affecting the purchasing power of families,
- B. whereas economic recovery is expected in a relatively short period of time,
- C. whereas the EU poverty rate is growing alarmingly,
- D. whereas a system of tax exemption based on a family allowance is already in existence in some EU countries as an instrument of social policy to help families,
- E. whereas the family allowance is an instrument which takes into account the number of members in a given family for income tax purposes and is related to the taxpaying capacity of each citizen,
- F. whereas taxation of a given family income should drop as the number of family members increases,
- 1. Calls on the Member States to take all necessary legislative initiatives for the introduction of a family allowance in order to improve economic conditions and thus restore the social dignity of the least well-off families;
- 2. Calls on the Member States to provide for a decreasing scale of taxation based both on income and the number of dependent persons in a family home when calculating income tax;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission and to the national parliaments of the Member States.