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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on an urgent tax exemption plan for SMEs in the European Union

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**Written declaration on an urgent tax exemption plan for SMEs in the European Union**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the current financial crisis is creating serious difficulties for small and medium-sized enterprises,
- B. whereas it is a vital productive sector of huge importance for the economy, society and employment,
- C. whereas small and medium-sized enterprises are a driving force in the economy of the European Union, with regard to both the production and exportation of goods and services,
- D. whereas small and medium-sized enterprises should be supported by a sound policy of incentives with the aim of encouraging investment and technological innovation so that they can withstand the competition from firms operating in emerging countries,
- 1. Asks the Commission to develop a three-year plan containing urgent tax exemption measures for SMEs in order to promote investment and support technological innovation;
- 2. Asks the Member States to provide for financial incentives for small and medium-sized enterprise start-ups, promoting their development and ensuring their continuity through easier access to credit from banks, with the aim of ensuring competitiveness, income and job stability;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, Council and parliaments of the Member States.