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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the need for a detailed policy on mountain areas and their protection

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**Written declaration on the need for a detailed policy on mountain areas and their protection**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. having regard to the Council decision of 26 February 1996 concerning the conclusion of the Convention on the protection of the Alps, Parliament's resolution of 23 September 2008 on the outlook for hill and mountain farming, the Alpine and Carpathian Conventions of 1990 and 2003 and the European ecological network 'Natura 2000',
  1. Calls on the Commission to promote the forests and cultural heritage of the Alps, local customs and practices, the exercise of civic rights, local folklore and traditions, and sustainable use of pastures, forests and meadows;
  2. Draws the Commission's attention to the fact that speciality cheese and dairy goods traditional to the area are produced in mountain areas, as are apiculture products and products made from locally grown medicinal plants and herbs;
  3. Calls on the Commission to produce a policy on conservation of the habitat and characteristic architecture of Alpine villages and the archaeological heritage (rock carvings);
  4. Calls on the Commission to bring in measures to safeguard welfare and health services, education services and road services in small Alpine villages;
  5. Reiterates the need for a policy on forestry and conservation measures to combat the effects of climate change;
  6. Calls on the Commission to consider the nomination of the Dolomites as a UNESCO heritage site;
  7. Calls on the Commission to consider the problems involved in running small municipalities, such as SPAs, special protection areas (Autonomous Province of Trento, municipality of Pieve Tesino, under EU patronage);
  8. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission.