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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on emergency planning and coordination of relief operations

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Written declaration on emergency planning and coordination of relief operations

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. noting with concern that in 2005 the people of New Orleans (USA) were cut off from relief efforts for days following a natural disaster,
- B. whereas, in the wake of the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile, looting and chaos occurred and whereas the security forces, arriving late, were unable to cope, thus hampering the distribution of aid,
- C. whereas logistical problems and lack of coordination were partly to blame for the delays in bringing disaster relief to Haiti,
- D. whereas people in Europe can also be taken unawares by natural disasters,
 1. Takes the view, with that in mind, that national disaster planning should be reviewed and the coordination of relief operations within the EU made fit for rapid deployment in the event of an emergency;
 2. Calls on the institutions of the European Union and of the Member States to overhaul their disaster preparations in the interest of their citizens;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the parliaments and governments of the Member States, and to the Council.