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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Union's efforts to fight deforestation

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**Written declaration on the Union's efforts to fight deforestation**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. concerned at the phenomenon of deforestation and illegal felling and trading in wood, which is becoming more widespread every day and is now affecting some 7 million hectares,
- B. having regard to the enormous potential of woodlands as a carbon storehouse,
- C. recalling the stress laid by Parliament on the risks posed by deforestation to the ecological balance and to economic and cultural equilibrium in the regions of Europe, and to its resolution of 15 November 2007 on the matter,
- D. concerned that activities linked to woodlands and forestry do not at present fall within the scope of the EU's emissions trading system,
  - 1. Calls on the Commission to integrate woodlands into the emissions trading system;
  - 2. Calls on the Commission to propose and finance measures to take protective action against the immediate threat to the woodlands;
  - 3. Calls on the Commission to initiate and adopt a European forestry policy, together with measures of a radical and urgent nature to fight deforestation and illegal felling;
  - 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Member States.