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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the labelling of goods from the Occupied Palestinian Territories

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**Written declaration on the labelling of goods from the Occupied Palestinian Territories**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas European consumers have a right to accurate labelling on the origin of products they purchase, without the risk of being misled,
- B. whereas there is concern that goods from Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) may be sold in Europe labelled as 'Produce of the West Bank' or as produce of Israel,
- C. whereas in Case C-386/08 the European Court of Justice found that produce from Israeli settlements in the OPT was neither produce of Israel nor Palestinian produce for the purposes of reduced tariffs under trade agreements,
- D. whereas clear labelling to differentiate between goods from Israeli settlements in the OPT and Palestinian products is an important element of consumer choice,
- E. whereas retailers in some Member States have introduced labelling which distinguishes between Israeli settlement produce and Palestinian produce from the OPT,
  1. Calls on the Commission to produce guidance on the labelling of goods from the Occupied Palestinian Territories, ensuring that Israeli settlement products are clearly distinguished from Israeli goods and Palestinian products;
  2. Calls on Member States to ensure, through their enforcement of EU labelling law, that Israeli settlement products are clearly distinguished from Israeli goods and Palestinian products;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Parliaments of the Member States.