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pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on reform of the Common Fisheries Policy

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Written declaration on reform of the Common Fisheries Policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas fish represent part of the diversity of life and provide food for people across the world,
- B. whereas EU fish stocks are in many cases at precariously low levels,
- C. whereas Europe's seas can support fish in much larger numbers, but whereas recovery is prevented by excessive fishing and policies that disregard local circumstances and promote the discarding of fish,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to adopt a long-term, regionally sensitive, science-led approach, and to introduce policies that promote sustainability, recognising that in some cases this may require a temporary reduction in the number of tonnes of fish caught;
- 2. Insists that the aim should be to ensure that our seas support fish stocks which are at least capable of delivering maximum sustainable yields, so as to secure a healthy fishing industry, benefit coastal regions across Europe and meet the needs of future generations;
- 3. Accepts that the EU has a global responsibility to promote sustainable fisheries and must ensure that its Fisheries Partnership Agreements fulfil the same criteria as those applicable to fisheries in EU waters;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission.