



6.6.2011

0028/2011

WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on food waste

**Paolo De Castro, Salvatore Caronna, Michel Dantin, Martin Häusling,
Justas Vincas Paleckis**

Lapse date: 6.10.2011

0028/2011

Written declaration on food waste

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in most EU Member States food waste comprises up to 30% of produced food, and whereas the volume wasted in the EU would suffice to solve the problem of world hunger,
- B. whereas every tonne of food waste prevented has the potential to save the equivalent of 4.2 tonnes of CO₂ as well as to decrease the use of resources such as water, energy or land,
- C. whereas currently 113 million citizens in the EU face the risk of poverty,
 1. Urges the Commission and the Member States to take action against the high waste of food by all stakeholders throughout the food supply chain and calls on them to give charities edible food which cannot be sold;
 2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to educate societies, promote best practices, carry out analysis and launch social advertisement on food waste;
 3. Calls on the Commission to implement a reform to the CAP that contributes to a more efficient and sustainable food supply chain;
 4. Calls on the Commission to initiate the year 2013 as the European year against food waste;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission and the Parliaments of the Member States.