WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on the European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity in 2012

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Written declaration on the European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity in 2012

The European Parliament,

– having regard to Article 3 of the Treaty of Lisbon promoting solidarity between generations,

– having regard to Article 25 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union protecting the rights of the elderly,

– having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas demographic change is, together with climate change and the economic crisis, the main challenge that EU Member States will have to face in the coming decades;

B. whereas 2012 will be the European Year on Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations and it is of utmost importance to create age-friendly environments;

1. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to support the creation of an EU age-friendly environment network that would provide support to local, regional and national actors seeking to foster active and healthy ageing using the participatory methodology developed by the World Health Organisation;

2. Calls on the Commission to launch a European Covenant of Mayors on Active and Healthy Ageing to support the exchange of experiences and good practices at local and regional levels, and a ‘Seniors in Action - Invest in Silver Innovation’ programme to train older volunteers to map the needs of older people in their communities;

3. Calls on the Member States to develop national action plans on active and healthy ageing within their National Reform Plans;

4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.