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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on drinking water as a fundamental right

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**Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on drinking water as a fundamental right<sup>1</sup>**

1. The United Nations has recognised the universal human right to water and sanitation (UN General Assembly Resolution A/64/L.63/Rev.1).
2. The European Citizens' Initiative has collected over 1.8 million signatures in support of the Right2Water project.
3. This declaration endorses the goals of Right2Water and vigorously supports the right to drinking water and the exclusion of water supply and the management of water resources from internal market rules.
4. The water issue has important implications for several parts of southern Europe too, given that climate change will make this problem worse.
5. The European Union has a moral obligation to act to secure a fair distribution of water resources and to protect the vulnerable groups in the population not only within its own borders but, above all, in developing countries.
6. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Under Rule 136(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it is published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.