WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure

on promoting organic products in canteens

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1. Ensuring that as many people as possible have access to healthy food should be a priority for the European Union.

2. The Commission is therefore called upon to study the feasibility of amending Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 as regards the aid scheme for the distribution of fruit and vegetables, bananas and milk in schools, with a view to introducing a requirement for all such products to be organic, promoting the purchasing of local or regional products, and ensuring that supply chains are short.

3. The Commission is called upon to work with the Member States with a view to ensuring that, by 2020, organic products with short supply chains purchased locally and regionally account for 30% of orders in collective catering establishments.

4. The EU institutions are called upon to lead by example in this respect, ensuring that their canteens offer a large proportion of organic and short-supply-chain products.

5. The Commission, via the common agricultural policy, is called upon to increase the resources available to help farmers convert to, and maintain, organic farming, and to work with the Member States in pursuit of the same aim via the implementation of the CAP.

6. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

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