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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' FINANCIAL INTERESTS  
PURSUANT TO ANNEX I TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE  
CONCERNING

## TRANSPARENCY AND MEMBERS' FINANCIAL INTERESTS

TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT BY THE END OF THE FIRST PART-SESSION AFTER ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF TAKING UP OFFICE WITH THE PARLIAMENT IN THE COURSE OF A PARLIAMENTARY TERM AND WITHIN 30 DAYS OF EACH CHANGE OCCURRING.

Surname: Howitt

Forename: Richard

I, the undersigned, on my honour and in full cognisance of the Rules of Procedure including the Code of Conduct for Members annexed thereto,

hereby declare:

(A) "Pursuant to Article 4(2)(a) of the Code of Conduct I declare my occupation(s) during the three-year period before I took up office with the Parliament, and membership during that period of any boards or committees of companies, non-governmental organisations, associations or other bodies established in law:"

Occupation or Membership	Categories of income <sup>1</sup>			
	1	2	3	4
1. Disability Rights Worker, Essex UK (1986-1994)	X			
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

<sup>1</sup> Any regular income Members receive in respect of each item declared shall be placed in one of the following categories:

1. EUR 500 to EUR 1000 a month;
2. EUR 1001 to EUR 5000 a month;
3. EUR 5001 to EUR 10 000 a month;
4. more than EUR 10 000 a month.

Any other income Members receive in respect of each item declared shall be calculated on an annual basis, divided by twelve and placed in one of the above categories.

If the amount of the regular or other income is below the threshold of category 1, i.e. below 500 EUR per month, or if the declared occupation, membership, activity, holding or partnership is not remunerated, a category does not need to be indicated.

(B) "Pursuant to Article 4(2)(b) of the Code of Conduct and Article 2 of the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members I declare my salary which I receive for the exercise of a mandate in another parliament:"<sup>2</sup>

**I hold no other mandate in another parliament**

Mandate	Amount of the salary
1. N/A	N/A
2.	
3.	
4.	

(C) "Pursuant to Article 4(2)(c) of the Code of Conduct I declare my regular remunerated activity which I undertake alongside the exercise of my office, whether as an employee or as a self-employed person:"

**I do not undertake any other remunerated activity**

Activity	Categories of income <sup>1</sup>			
	1	2	3	4
1. N/A				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with Article 2 of the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (OJ C159, 13 July 2009, C.1.) the exact amount of the salary needs to be indicated.

(D) "Pursuant to Article 4(2)(d) of the Code of Conduct I declare my Membership of any boards or committees of any companies, non-governmental organisations, associations or other bodies established in law, or any other relevant outside activity that I undertake, whether remunerated or unremunerated."

Membership or Activity	Categories of income <sup>1</sup>			
	1	2	3	4
1.Unpaid member of the Global Reporting Initiative Government Advisory Group (2008- ).	NONE			
2.Unpaid Member of the OECD Friends of the Guidelines Advisory Group (2008- ).	NONE			
3.Unpaid Member of the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI) Advisory Group (2010 -)	NONE			
4. Unpaid Ambassador to the Prince of Wales' Accounting for Sustainability (A4S) Project (2011-)	NONE			
5.				

(E) "Pursuant to Article 4(2)(e) of the Code of Conduct I declare my occasional remunerated outside activity (including writing, lecturing or the provision of expert advice), if the total remuneration exceeds EUR 5 000 in a calendar year:"

Occasional activity if total remuneration exceeds EUR 5000 in a calendar year	Categories of income <sup>1</sup>			
	1	2	3	4
1. NOTHING TO DECLARE				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

(F) "Pursuant to Article 4(2)(f) of the Code of Conduct I declare my holding in any company or partnership, where there are potential public policy implications or where that holding gives me significant influence over the affairs of the body in question:"

Holding Partnership or with potential public policy implications	or with public policy implications	Holding which gives significant influence	Categories of income <sup>1</sup>			
			1	2	3	4
1. NOTHING TO DECLARE	TO	NOTHING TO DECLARE				
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						

(G) I declare any support whether financial or in terms of staff or material, additional to that provided by Parliament and granted to me in connection with my political activities by third parties, whose identity shall be disclosed:

1. financial:

(1) Travel to Egypt and two nights hotel accommodation with a delegation of international MPs, Lords and MEPs sponsored by the Council for European Palestinian Relations (CEPR) to assess the political, democratic, and human rights situation in the country and the effects of changes on the wider region, in particular the Palestinian issue. March 17-20 2011.

(2) In my role as the European Parliament Rapporteur for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, I spoke at the 10th Anniversary of the Ohrid Framework Agreement alongside the European Commissioner for Enlargement. One night's accommodation at the holiday Inn Skopje was paid for by the Government of the country. September 4-5 2011.

(3) In my role as the European Parliament Rapporteur for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, I spoke at the meeting of European Integration Ministers from the Western Balkans in Skopje. One night's accommodation was paid for by the Government of the country along with car transfers to and from the airport in Skopje. October 17-18 2011.

(4) I took part in a Boxing Day Charity Swim (December 26 2011) in Cromer North Norfolk for which I personally raised private sponsorship for both the "Big C" Cancer Charity in my constituency and the local Labour Party. Every single penny of the money raised was donated to these causes.

(\*) granted by

2. in terms of staff: Nothing to declare

I do not employ or contract family members.

I am a Vice President of the European Parliament Intergroup on Disability; this all-party group is run by an NGO secretariat, with no staff or resources provided to me or my office.

(\*) granted by

3. in terms of material: Nothing to declare.

(\*) granted by

(\*) Identity of the third party or parties concerned.

(H) I declare any other financial interests which might influence the performance of my duties:

Financial interest:

1. NOTHING TO DECLARE

2.

3.

(I) Any additional information I wish to give<sup>3</sup>:

Complementary car parking at London City Airport.

I employ three full-time members of staff: a Parliamentary and Communications Manager, a Press and Constituency Assistant and Personal Assistant, who assist me in my offices in Cambridge, Brussels and Strasbourg. I also periodically give work experience to students or interns, contract for free-lance or professional services and employ a Service Provider responsible for payroll, personnel and accounts; I do not employ family members in any capacity.

Jointly, with all European Parliamentary Labour Party (EPLP) MEPs, I also employ a member of staff based in Brussels, who is line managed by the EPLP General Secretary.

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<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Article 78(3) of the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (referred to in footnote 2), until the end of the legislative term 2009-2014, Members must indicate in their declaration of financial interests any contracts concluded directly or indirectly with the members of their families before 1 July 2008 that have continued in force in the 2009-2014 term.

The expenditure of Labour MEPs' allowances is reviewed in an audit process carried out by an independent, registered auditor who provides the EPLP with a signed letter confirming that all allowances have been spent in accordance with European Parliament and EPLP rules. The annual audit certificate is published on my website; Detailed quarterly information on my use of expenses and allowances appears on the EPLP website: [www.eurolabour.org.uk](http://www.eurolabour.org.uk)

Date:

28/3/2012

Signature:

**STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS DECLARATION ARE MADE UNDER THE SOLE AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER AND MUST BE UPDATED EVERY TIME A CHANGE IN THE MEMBER'S SITUATION OCCURS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.**

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