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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on recognition by the European Union of the right to live in a healthy environment

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**Written declaration on recognition by the European Union of the right to live in a healthy environment**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas it has a duty to meet the growing concerns of Community citizens regarding the quality of their living and working environment and their expectations of guarantees on safety and lack of harmful effects on their health,
  - B. conscious of the costs in human and financial terms - for present and future generations of Europeans - of the potential development of diseases caused by pollutants found in soil, air and certain products or constructions,
  - C. called upon to counteract these various forms of contamination of living and working areas, the legacy of decades of unhealthy production and construction, and to prevent in future by legislative means such threats to the environment posed by industrial production,
1. Calls on the Commission:
    - within the context of the debate under way on legislation on the classification of chemicals, 'REACH' (*Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation of Chemicals*), to follow the precautionary principle and the optimum safety principle, giving priority to the interests of consumers and citizens and the guarantees provided to them;
    - to include the right to live in a healthy environment, free from noxious or deadly pollution, as a fundamental right, and to obtain recognition of this right from its partners;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the WHO and the organisations concerned.