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pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the establishment of a United Nations Environmental Organisation

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Written declaration on the establishment of a United Nations Environmental Organisation

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. prompted by the debate under way on the reform of the UN, whose institutions and programmes must, as a matter of absolute necessity, change to reflect the new realities and priorities of the 21st century,
 - B. responding, in particular, to the very alarming conclusions reached at the recent International Conference on Biodiversity in Paris and the increasing impact of planetary environmental disasters, such as the devastating tsunami in south-east Asia,
 - C. in keeping with its duty to give the EU a voice on the international stage commensurate with the size of its economy and population and its political, social and environmental values,
1. Calls on the Commission:
 - to commit the EU voluntarily to the process of preparing the reform of the UN and to represent it in that process, in a manner consistent with the Community's size and values and in keeping with international ecological priorities;
 - to advocate the establishment of a United Nations Environmental Organisation with a specific remit and resources commensurate with the scale of the environmental challenges facing the world;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Community institutions, the Member States, the applicant countries, the EU's partner countries and the UN.