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WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on tackling the challenges presented by the Global Hunger Index

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on tackling the challenges presented by the Global Hunger Index¹

1. According to the 2015 Global Hunger Index (GHI), the level of hunger in developing countries has fallen by 27 % since 2000. 17 countries reduced their hunger scores by 50 % or more relative to the 2000 GHI scores.
2. Despite the progress made, levels of hunger remain 'serious' or 'alarming' in 52 of the 117 countries covered.
3. 795 million people are still chronically undernourished; more than one in four children is affected by stunting, and 9 % of children are affected by wasting.
4. The countries with the highest GHI scores tend to be those engaged in, or which have recently emerged from, war.
5. Accordingly, the Commission and the Council are called upon to:
 - scale up efforts to address the root causes of refugee migration, and ensure that those efforts are needs-based and leave no-one behind;
 - pay special attention to food and nutrition security in fragile countries, this being both the cause and consequence of conflicts;
 - focus on the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 16 on peace and justice in order to create the necessary conditions to accomplish the zero hunger goal.
6. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

¹ 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.