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on the establishment of a European Energy Agency and the setting up of an economic-interest grouping (EIG) to manage the production and the distribution of electricity within the European Union

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Written declaration on the establishment of a European Energy Agency and the setting up of an economic-interest grouping (EIG) to manage the production and the distribution of electricity within the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. concerned at the power cut which affected the EU in November 2006,
- B. aware of the fact that liberalisation and privatisation in the energy sector always lead to price rises and to a deterioration in the quality of the service provided,
- C. having regard to the EU's woeful under-investment in generating facilities and electricity grids on account of the liberalisation of the energy market and the separation between energy producers and energy distributors.
- D. whereas energy is not just a commodity like any other - rather, it constitutes a common human asset,
- E. whereas there is an urgent need for investment in the construction of power stations which do not emit greenhouse gases,
- 1. Calls for the establishment of a European Energy Agency to coordinate the Member States' energy policies and their research work and to provide universal access to energy;
- 2. Calls upon the Commission and the Council to take the necessary action in order to set up an economic-interest grouping at EU level which will bring together all electricity-generation and electricity-distribution companies and be monitored by the Council;
- 3. Urges the Commission and the Council to abolish the requirement for energy producers and energy grids to be kept separate, and to halt all liberalisation affecting the energy sector;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Member States' parliaments and governments, to the Council and to the Commission.