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on the need to establish a Representation for Future Generations in the
European Union

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Written declaration on the need to establish a Representation for Future Generations in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the UNESCO Declaration on the Responsibilities of the Present Generations Towards Future Generations (1997),
 - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. recognising that there is an urgent need to represent efficiently the rights and interests of future generations as the welfare of our present societies is threatening to be increasingly assured at their expense,
1. Requests the Commission to investigate the possibilities of institutional representation for future generations in the European Union, including the following options:
 - a) the integration of the protection of the next generations' interests into the Office of the European Ombudsman,
 - b) the delegation of the responsibility for the enforcement of future generations' interests to the portfolio of one of the Commissioners,
 - c) the integration of the enforcement of future generations' interests into the duties of the European Fundamental Rights Agency;
 2. Requests the Commission to call on European Union institutions and bodies to include the task of taking into consideration the interests of future generations in all parts of their activity and to fulfil it;
 3. Calls on the Council and the Commission to designate a year as the 'Year of Future Generations' in order to give expression and a high profile to the importance of future generations' interests;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.