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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the need for enhanced monitoring and enforcement of the directive  
concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes with particular  
regard to the plucking of geese

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**Written declaration on the need for enhanced monitoring and enforcement of the directive concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes with particular regard to the plucking of geese**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Protocol on protection and welfare of animals, appended to the 1997 Treaty of Amsterdam,
  - having regard to Article 3 in Directive 98/58/EC of the Council and the European Parliament of 20 July 1998 on the protection of animals kept for farming purposes,
  - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the plucking of live geese must be seen as causing the animals unreasonable pain and suffering, and whereas the enforcement of the directive on the protection of animals kept for farming purposes must be considered insufficient,
- B. whereas the plucking of live animals is in clear violation of the directive concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes, the Protocol on protection and welfare of animals, and the European Convention for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes, CETS No 087,
1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to take action in order to stop the plucking of live geese immediately;
  2. Calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure that the Member States are enforcing the directive concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes and using suitable sanctions and control mechanisms for this purpose;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the parliaments of the Member States.