



0061/2015

14.10.2015

## WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure

on the donation of unsold consumable food to charities

**Hugues Bayet (S&D), Angélique Delahaye (PPE), Stanisław Ożóg (ECR), Petr Ježek (ALDE), Younous Omarjee (GUE/NGL), Ernest Urtasun (Verts/ALE), Marco Valli (EFDD), Maria Arena (S&D), Marc Tarabella (S&D), Mariya Gabriel (PPE), Patrick Le Hyaric (GUE/NGL), Eva Joly (Verts/ALE), Fabio Massimo Castaldo (EFDD), Guillaume Balas (S&D), Antonio López-Istúriz White (PPE), José Blanco López (S&D), Simona Bonafè (S&D), Biljana Borzan (S&D), Nikos Androulakis (S&D), Virginie Rozière (S&D), Sylvie Guillaume (S&D), José Bové (Verts/ALE), Anneliese Dodds (S&D), Neena Gill (S&D), Victor Negrescu (S&D), Claudia Tapardel (S&D), Kathleen Van Brempt (S&D), David Casa (PPE), Karima Delli (Verts/ALE), Pascal Durand (Verts/ALE)**

Lapse date: 14.1.2016

**Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on the donation of unsold consumable food to charities<sup>1</sup>**

1. One in four Europeans, or 125 million people, are at risk of poverty, and 16 million Europeans suffer from food poverty.
2. Our consumption habits, especially where supermarkets are concerned, mean that a great number of products that are still consumable are either not sold or are removed from sale and destroyed. It is estimated that 100 million tons of foodstuffs are wasted each year in Europe.
3. This applies in particular to products very close to their sell-by date, articles left over from temporary promotions, fruit and vegetables whose appearance is deemed substandard, etc.
4. According to a report published by the European Economic and Social Committee in June 2014, a number of EU countries have already taken steps to encourage the donation of unsold food to charities.
5. The Commission and the Council are called upon to examine the possibility of adopting, in cooperation with the food sector, an EU-wide scheme to encourage supermarkets to distribute their unsold consumable food to charities.
6. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

---

<sup>1</sup> 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.