



0069/2016

12.9.2016

## WRITTEN DECLARATION

submitted under Rule 136 of the Rules of Procedure

on the urgent need to raise intervention prices in order to stem the crisis in the dairy sector

**José Blanco López (S&D), Iratxe García Pérez (S&D), Paolo De Castro (S&D), Isabelle Thomas (S&D), Clara Eugenia Aguilera García (S&D), Esther Herranz García (PPE), Francisco José Millán Mon (PPE), Izaskun Bilbao Barandica (ALDE), Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz (ALDE), Stanislav Polčák (PPE), Daniel Buda (PPE), Jonás Fernández (S&D), Eider Gardiazabal Rubial (S&D), Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto (S&D), Ricardo Serrão Santos (S&D), Fernando Ruas (PPE), Carlos Coelho (PPE), Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar (PPE), Nuno Melo (PPE), Sofia Ribeiro (PPE), José Manuel Fernandes (PPE), Jordi Sebastià (Verts/ALE), Estefanía Torres Martínez (GUE/NGL), Eric Andrieu (S&D), Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra (PPE), Gabriel Mato (PPE), Pablo Zalba Bidegain (PPE)**

Lapse date: 12.12.2016

**Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on the urgent need to raise intervention prices in order to stem the crisis in the dairy sector<sup>1</sup>**

1. The dairy sector is going through critical times in the European Union, with the low prices paid to producers posing a threat to the survival of thousands of farms that cannot cover their production costs.
2. Europe cannot afford to abandon sector which is of strategic importance to the rural economy, generates activity and employment, and is essential to tying people to the territory.
3. The measures proposed by the Commission are a step in the right direction but are not sufficient, especially for those farms in the worst situation.
4. The Commission is hence called upon to approve an increase in intervention prices as a matter of urgency in order to restore a balance in the market, and to monitor the proper functioning of the industry and the distribution within the value chain, which will result in a rise in the prices paid to farmers.
5. 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.