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WRITTEN DECLARATION

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on establishing an EU-wide practice of reasonably priced airport food and beverages

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on establishing an EU-wide practice of reasonably priced airport food and beverages¹

1. The prices for food and beverages in EU airports are excessively high as compared to the prices for the same items in regular shops. For example, in airports, a soft drink or a sandwich can cost in the region of EUR 3 and EUR 7 respectively.
2. Given the security restrictions, air passengers have little choice but to purchase beverages after they have passed through airport security.
3. In the USA, a number of airports have introduced 'street pricing' policies when it comes to pricing food and beverages in airport shops and restaurants.
4. The Airports Council International Europe (ACI Europe) has already successfully introduced a maximum charge of EUR 1 for 50 cl of water after people have passed through security screenings in EU airports.
5. Accordingly, the Commission and the Council are called upon to:
 - a. encourage Member States to introduce a fair 'street pricing' policy in EU airports.
 - b. monitor the pricing of standard foods and beverages in EU airports.
6. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

¹ 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.