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on greenhouse gas emissions by the livestock sector

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Written declaration on greenhouse gas emissions by the livestock sector

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. having regard to the report entitled *Livestock's Long Shadow – Environmental Issues and Options* (Rome 2006), published by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, which states that the livestock sector presents the greatest threat to the planet as it generates 18% of all greenhouse gases, which is more than the transport sector,
- B. having regard to the fact that the livestock sector produces 65% of the emission of nitrous dioxide, which has 296 times the global warming potential of CO₂,
- C. having regard to the fact that global production of meat and dairy products will more than double by 2050,
- D. having regard to the fact that livestock is a major cause of deforestation, soil degradation (overgrazing, compaction and erosion) and negative effects on groundwater,
 1. Calls on the Commission to look again at the livestock question in direct connection with global warming and to take appropriate action;
 2. Calls on the Commission to take appropriate measures to increase the efficiency of livestock production and feed crop agriculture, to improve animal nutrition and to promote appropriate measures for obtaining biogases for recycling manure;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the governments of the Member States, the Council and the Commission.