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on the banning of cluster munitions

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Written declaration on the banning of cluster munitions

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas cluster munitions are creating humanitarian, socio-economic and environmental damage in up to 24 countries,
- B. whereas 98% of those injured or killed by cluster munitions are innocent civilians,
- C. whereas no international treaty currently exists outlawing the use of cluster munitions,
- D. whereas constant resources need to be committed to support clearance, risk education and assistance to survivors and communities,
- E. whereas states party to the Convention on Conventional Weapons have failed to launch negotiations on cluster munitions within the existing mechanism,
- 1. Urges every country to sign Protocol V to the Convention on Conventional Weapons on Explosive Remnants of War without delay;
- 2. Calls on Member States to aid negotiations on a new treaty on cluster munitions, outside the Convention on Conventional Weapons;
- 3. Calls on the Commission to ensure that clearance projects continue to receive adequate funding;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the Member States, the Council of Europe and the United Nations.