Written Declaration on the European Emergency Number 112 (2007)

The Written Declaration 0044/2007 on the European emergency number 112 was adopted by the European Parliament in 2007. It still holds the record of signature (530). The text of the Written Declaration is available below.

WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

by Diana Wallis, Gérard Onesta, Marc Tarabella, Alejo Vidal-Quadras and Dimitrios Papadimoulis

on the European emergency call number 112

The European Parliament,

-having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,

 A. acknowledging the importance of an efficient 112 for all citizens moving freely in the EU,

 B. aware that the 112 was established in 1991 while new obligations were introduced in 2002,

 C. having regard to the poor quality of services provided to citizens through the 112,

 D. considering that proper implementation of the 112 concerns several EU policies (telecommunications, health, internal security and civil protection), while affecting others (transport, tourism),

 E. considering that the EU needs to establish high quality, interoperable emergency telecommunications between citizens and emergency services in view of reducing suffering and the loss of human life during everyday accidents and major disasters, ed in 2003;

1. Calls upon the Member States and the Commission to engage the necessary processes and resources for ensuring an efficient 112 service all over the EU;

2. Calls upon the Commission to evaluate by independent bodies the real state of implementation of the 112 throughout the EU, using the methodology developed in 2003;

3. Calls upon the Commission to deal with emergency telecommunications by involving all policies concerned and by building upon the example of countries who deal with this issue in new and innovative ways;

4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.

List of signatories

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Written Declaration on Early warning of the citizens (2008)

The Written Declaration on early warning for citizens in major emergencies was adopted by the European Parliament in 2008. It was signed by 432 Members of the European Parliament.

WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure by Gabriele Albertini, Kader Arif, Caroline Lucas, Elizabeth Lynne and Dimitrios Papadimoulis on early warning for citizens in major emergencies

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. acknowledging the importance of efficient early warning (EW) for citizens in case of imminent or developing major emergencies, with a view to reducing suffering and the loss of human life,
B. aware that the establishment of EW and alert systems has been repeatedly requested by Parliament and is provided for in several existing and upcoming legislative acts,
C. whereas EW systems involve warning authorities through risk-dependent (natural, technological, social) regional networks and alerting citizens via telecommunications networks (radio, TV, sirens, mobile phones, etc.),
D. D. whereas the EU lacks a general, multilingual, simplified and efficient system for alerting citizens about imminent or developing emergencies and whereas the implementation of such a system is directly relevant to several EU policies (telecommunications, environment, health, internal security and civil protection) and also affects others (transport, energy and tourism),

1. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to implement the necessary processes and resources for developing an efficient EW system for citizens in case of imminent or developing major emergencies throughout the EU;
2. Calls on the Commission to present appropriate legislative proposals in this field, taking into account all the risks and policies involved;
3. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.

List of signatories