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Explanation of vote:

Report: Gabriele Zimmer (A7-0284/2011)

Pino Arlacchi (S&D), in writing . – I voted for this Resolution because it asks for immediate steps in order to make the right of food security a reality. Food insecurity is challenging the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, especially in sub-Saharan Africa and the least developed countries.

As we all know the growing threat of food speculation, climate change, global land acquisitions, loss of biodiversity and pressures on water, have contributed to further affect the state of food security in the world. For this reason all the European Institutions as well as the Member States must put the eradication of poverty, hunger and malnutrition as the first point on their agendas. It's imperative to stress that emergency mechanisms could have a negative effects, especially on local economies, and must not be thought as a long-term solution. A sustainable development policy could only be based on a cooperation approach.

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