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Subject: Written declaration on ending street homelessness 0111/2007

Dear name /Member of the European Parliament,

AMA is a Brussels based federation regrouping shelters which are mainly based within the French speaking part of Belgium (Wallonie and Brussels Capital Regions). These 65 associations work in sheltering precarious and homeless people and families throughout our country in providing basic facilities and care.

As you may know, a written declaration on ending street homelessness has been registered last December. You will find hereafter a copy of this written declaration. Member of the FEANTSA, our organisation welcomes this initiative and hopes that the required number of signatures will be gathered by the **lapse date, which is 26 March 2008**. The written declaration is printed and attached in the entrance of the Parliament both in Brussels and Strasbourg. It is also available on the web site of the European Parliament. **The written declaration an also be signed in room PHAS 02 A 019 of the European Parliament in Brussels.**

As our representative in the European Parliament, we would like to ask you to support this initiative.

It is unacceptable that human beings are forced to live on the street due to the lack of adequate services in the European Union. However, street homelessness, which is possibly the most extreme form of poverty and exclusion, continues to affect people in all EU countries.

In recent years, the EU has started to acknowledge that homelessness and housing exclusion needed to be tackled as a priority. This is a first important step, but we believe that much more can to be done, both at EU and national level.

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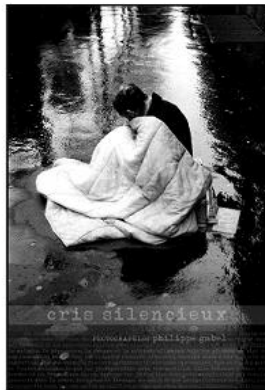
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As organisation active in the field of homelessness in **Belgium**, we think that each one of us has a role to play and see the written declaration as an excellent opportunity for the only directly-elected body of the European Union to show once again consensus and political courage for the respect and promotion of fundamental human rights across the EU.

We are confident that we can count on your support

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