Thursday, 23 June 2011 - Brussels

Explanation of vote:

Rapport Albert Deß

*Pino Arlacchi (S&D ), in writing*. – Dear Mr. President, I voted in favour of this report because it clearly points out that the EU agricultural budget in the next financing period has to be maintained at least at the same level as the 2013 considering that only with adequate financial resources will be possible to meet the challenges of food security and environmental protection.

Thanks to the Socialist Group's amendments now the report is more balanced and in line with the Commission Communication which recognises the need for further reform of the CAP in view of the changing nature of the farming industry in the EU27 and of the new international context of globalisation.

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