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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

by Matteo Salvini

on naming the hemicycle of the European Parliament in Brussels after the  
writer Oriana Fallaci

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**Written declaration on naming the hemicycle of the European Parliament in Brussels after the writer Oriana Fallaci**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the freedoms of expression, thought and opinion are fundamental rights covered and protected by the fundamental laws of all the Member States of the European Union, and the cornerstone of all systems which consider themselves democratic,
- B. whereas Oriana Fallaci has witnessed the conflicts and tragedies which have marked the history of recent decades and, as author of essays and novels translated in more than thirty countries, such as 'A man', 'Inshallah' 'The Force of Reason' and 'The Rage and Pride', has received prestigious awards and, through her opinions, sparked debates and discussions,
- C. whereas, in spite of the fact that freedom of thought has long been one of the fundamental human rights, Oriana Fallaci is currently on trial in various countries for her ideas, and has been subjected to numerous death threats by Islamic extremists,
- D. having regard to the numerous honours recently conferred on the great writer by the municipality of Milan, the region of Tuscany and the Office of the President of the Republic on grounds of cultural merit (*benemerita della cultura*),
- 1. Calls on its President, Josep Borrell Fontelles, to name the chamber of the European Parliament in Brussels after the bravest living European writer.