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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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on the gymnast Andreea Răducan's case

Lapse date: 12.6.2007

**Written declaration on the gymnast Andreea Răducan's case**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the Romanian gymnast Andreea Răducan was a gold medallist and all-around champion at the Sydney Olympics in 2000,
- B. whereas the International Olympic Committee (IOC) subsequently announced that Andreea Răducan had tested positive (following a routine anti-doping test) for pseudoephedrine, a banned substance at the time,
- C. whereas the IOC investigation revealed that, the night before the competition, the Romanian team doctor gave her two pills of Nurofen (a common medication that contains pseudoephedrine) to help treat some menstrual pains and a fever,
- D. whereas she was expelled from the Games and suspended from all competitions until the 2004 Summer Olympics,
- E. whereas, in the autumn of 2000, the Court of Arbitration for Sport conceded that the Romanian gymnast had not enhanced her performances by taking pseudoephedrine,
- F. whereas in the autumn of 2003 the World Anti-Doping Agency decided to remove pseudoephedrine from the list of banned substances,
- 1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to take action and support any initiatives aimed at supporting Andreea Răducan's proceedings to regain her gold medal as an act of pure justice;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission and the Member States.