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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

by Giusto Catania

on the case of Oscar Pistorius

Lapse date: 3.12.2007

**Written declaration on the case of Oscar Pistorius**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on account of a congenital malformation the athlete Oscar Pistorius has had to have both lower limbs amputated,
- B. whereas Pistorius uses special artificial limbs which enable him to overcome his disability as regards sports results,
- C. whereas he has taken part in official light-athletics competitions and has achieved good results equal to those of the able-bodied athletes competing alongside him,
- D. whereas his participation at the 2008 Beijing Olympics could constitute a message of hope for the many severely disabled European citizens,
- E. having regard to the major potential which sport may offer as a means of combating social discrimination, as stated in the recent Commission White Paper on sport,
  - 1. Acknowledges the social, cultural and educational value of sport;
  - 2. Considers that Oscar Pistorius should take part in the 2008 Beijing Olympics;
  - 3. Calls upon the European athletics authorities and the Member States to make the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) aware of their support for Oscar Pistorius's participation at the 2008 Beijing Olympics;
  - 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Member States' parliaments and governments, to the Council and to the Commission.