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## WRITTEN DECLARATION

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against violence in football and other sport events

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**Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, against violence in football and other sport events<sup>1</sup>**

1. Sport is a source of health, education, training and wealth. Its practice has positive effects on public health and helps break down social barriers while generating economic activity and employment. However, sport needs protection from the threats it faces.
2. The death of a football supporter in Madrid is not an isolated incident. It is in fact a sad reminder that violence survives in the football world. Violence in sport poses a challenge to the EU as strong and decisive action is required to eradicate it.
3. Article 165 TFEU empowers the EU to support, coordinate and supplement the actions of Member States relating to sport policies, promoting cooperation between bodies responsible for sports and protecting the physical and moral integrity of athletes and supporters. Also, Parliament's resolution of 2 February 2012 on the European dimension in sport<sup>2</sup> calls for people with violent or discriminatory behaviour to be banned from stadiums.
4. The Commission is therefore called on to take a step forward and undertake resolute action to promote the value of sport and eradicate all forms of violence, intolerance, racism and xenophobia from football and from sporting events generally.
5. This Declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is transmitted to the Council and the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Rule 136(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, when the declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it shall be published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.

<sup>2</sup> Texts adopted, P7\_TA(2012)0025.