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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the need to strengthen President Bashar al-Assad's army

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the need to strengthen President Bashar al-Assad's army

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the US-led international coalition's intervention in Syria, like the Russian intervention, will see the use of air strikes only;
- B. whereas the use of air strikes alone, however thorough, will be insufficient to defeat the Islamic extremist forces without a ground operation;
- C. whereas neither the international coalition nor the Russians are planning to deploy their ground forces; and whereas it is necessary to strengthen President Bashar al-Assad's army, which is the only one with ground forces at the ready;
- 1. Calls on the European Council, the Commission and its Vice-President/High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to consider supporting the Syrian army, be this financially or militarily, which was already discussed as an option at the closed meeting between the Russian and American Presidents at UN Headquarters.