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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the humanitarian situation in Yemen
(2017/2727(RSP))

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**European Parliament resolution on the humanitarian situation in Yemen
(2017/2727(RSP))**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Yemen,
 - having regard to the statements by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of 8 October 2016 on the attack in Yemen and of 19 October 2016 on the ceasefire in Yemen,
 - having regard to the Council conclusions on Yemen of 3 April 2017,
 - having regard to the UN Security Council resolutions on Yemen, in particular Resolutions 2266 (2016) of 24 February 2016 and 2342 (2017) of 23 February 2017,
 - having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the humanitarian impact on the civilian population of the ongoing fighting between various militias, bombardments and the disruption of essential services is reaching alarming proportions;
- B. whereas thousands of people have been killed and injured since the start of the conflict; whereas there are hundreds of women and children among the victims;
- C. whereas, according to the World Food Programme, 18.8 million people (72 % of population) are in need of humanitarian assistance in 2017, and 17 million are food insecure, including 6.8 million severely food insecure; whereas there are 2 million internally displaced persons and 1 million returnees;
- D. whereas the total amount of EU humanitarian funding to Yemen for 2015 and 2016 came to EUR 120 million; whereas the allocated amount of aid in 2017 is EUR 46 million;
- E. whereas a stable, secure Yemen with a properly functioning government is critical to international efforts to combat extremism and violence in the region and beyond, as well as to peace and stability within Yemen itself;
1. Expresses grave concern at the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Yemen, which is characterised by widespread food insecurity and severe malnutrition, indiscriminate attacks against civilians and medical and aid workers, and the destruction of civilian and medical infrastructure;
 2. Deeply regrets the loss of life caused by the conflict; expresses its condolences to the families of the victims; reaffirms its commitment to continuing to support Yemen and the Yemeni people;
 3. Strongly condemns the recent attacks against civilians; underlines that the deliberate

targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure amounts to a war crime, and that hospitals and medical personnel are explicitly protected under international humanitarian law;

4. Reiterates its call on all sides to comply with international humanitarian law and international human rights law, to ensure the protection of civilians and to refrain from directly targeting civilian infrastructure, in particular medical facilities and water systems;
5. Is concerned about the living conditions of Yemeni citizens, the severe reduction of health services in all public and private hospitals, the spread of endemic diseases and the lack of health facilities, supplies, assets and personnel; urges all parties to improve the health situation on the ground, and to enable a safe working environment for health professionals;
6. Stresses the need for coordinated humanitarian action under UN leadership; urges all parties to the conflict to allow the entry and delivery of urgently needed food, medicine, fuel and other necessary assistance through UN and international humanitarian channels in accordance with the principles of impartiality, neutrality and independence;
7. Stresses that access to all seaports is essential; urges the parties to the conflict to ensure the full and effective functioning of the port of Hodeida; stresses its importance as a lifeline for humanitarian support and commercial access point for essential supplies; calls for Sana'a airport to be reopened for commercial flights so that urgently needed medicine and commodities can be flown in and Yemenis in need of medical treatment can be flown out;
8. Welcomes the fact that the EU and its Member States are ready to step up humanitarian assistance to the population across the country to respond to the rising needs and to mobilise their development assistance to fund projects in crucial sectors; urges the international community to fulfil its commitments to Yemen;
9. Is concerned about the consequences of the war in Yemen for the region's stability; underlines that all parties to the conflict need to take resolute action against groups whose activities represent an additional threat to a negotiated settlement and pose significant risks to the security of the region and beyond;
10. Stresses that only a political, inclusive and negotiated solution to the conflict can restore peace and preserve the unity, sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Yemen; calls on all international and regional actors to engage constructively with Yemeni parties to enable a de-escalation of the conflict and a negotiated settlement;
11. Supports the efforts of the UN Secretary-General and the UN Special Envoy for Yemen to achieve a resumption of negotiations; urges all parties to the conflict to react in a flexible and constructive manner and without preconditions to their efforts, and to fully and immediately implement all the provisions of relevant UN Security Council resolutions;
12. Calls on all parties to the conflict to urgently agree on a cessation of hostilities to be monitored by the UN as a first step towards the resumption of peace talks under UN

leadership; urges all parties to engage, in good faith and without preconditions, in a new round of UN-led peace negotiations as soon as possible;

13. Supports independent investigations into all alleged violations and abuses, with a view to ending impunity for crimes committed by all parties to the conflict; calls on all parties to cooperate fully with the National Commission of Inquiry as well as with the enhanced Yemen office of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and the Government of Yemen.