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Amendment 15

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Report

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Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

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B a. whereas irresponsible and unlawful pressure to open borders under Merkel's policy of 'Wir schaffen das!' ('We can do this') has weakened Europe's security and encouraged the further weaponisation of migration; whereas the EU should continue its policy of helping refugees in the region, by further supporting neighbouring countries; whereas wealthy Arab countries in the region should provide robust support;

Or. en

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Recital G

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G. whereas Türkiye, which **occupies** territories in northern Syria, regularly engages in large-scale military operations on Syrian territory both directly and through proxies, particularly targeting Kurdish-held areas; whereas the unilateral Turkish military interventions in north-east Syria constitute **a violation of international law**; whereas, in October 2023, the Turkish Parliament voted to extend the mandate that allows for military operations in Syria for another two years; whereas Türkiye should end its **illegal occupation of** northern Syria and withdraw its military and paramilitary proxy forces;

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G. **whereas the territory of Syria serves as a safe haven for terrorist groups that are planning and executing terror attacks against Türkiye, including the Kurdistan Workers' Party, which is officially listed as a terrorist organisation by the EU**; whereas, **as a result**, Türkiye, which **exercises control over** territories in northern Syria, regularly engages in large-scale military operations on Syrian territory both directly and through proxies, particularly targeting Kurdish-held areas **that are home to the Kurdistan Workers' Party**; whereas the unilateral Turkish military interventions in north-east Syria constitute **its right to self-defence**; whereas, in October 2023, the Turkish Parliament voted to extend the mandate that allows for military operations in Syria for another two years; whereas Türkiye should **seek to end its military operation in** northern Syria and withdraw its military and paramilitary proxy forces;

Or. en

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Recital N a (new)

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Na. whereas the Syrian regime, through ethnic cleansing, conducted a brutal campaign to change the country's demographic makeup; whereas Christians in Syria made up about 10 % of the pre-war Syrian population, totalling 2.2 Million people; whereas the brutality of the war caused a mass exodus of Christians, so that now only about 640 000 remain; whereas in addition to the Syrian regime, Christians in the country have been persecuted by ISIS and other Islamist militias; whereas the Assad regime has attempted to project an image as a secular protector of Christians in Syria, but the regime has reportedly intentionally destroyed churches and detained at least hundreds of Christian citizens; whereas the regime, with the active support of the Russian Federation, besieged and completely decimated Aleppo, the city with the largest Christian population in the country; whereas the country was ranked as the 12th most difficult place in the world to be Christian;

Or. en

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O. whereas according to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), most Syrian refugees would like to return to Syria but have legitimate security concerns; whereas this means that for the current situation resettlement and complementary pathways remain the most viable durable solution for Syrian refugees; whereas the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, in its most recent report dated September 2023, found that insecurity remained rife far beyond the frontlines, rendering the safe return of Syrian refugees implausible and further concluded that it had documented specific cases where Syrian refugees returning from neighbouring countries were ill-treated by Syrian security forces;

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Or. en

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(g) deplore the continued presence on Syrian territory of hundreds of Iranian, **Turkish** and Russian bases and Iranian and Russian militias; express concern about the economic exploitation of the country by predatory foreign powers; **condemn the attacks** by Turkish forces **and their occupation of** Syrian territories in the north **as well as** the renewed brutal military campaign by the Syrian government and Russia in north-western Syria, including on civilian targets; express their deep concern about the persistence of radical Islamist opposition in Idlib province; support the continuation of the international coalition against ISIS, which remains active in Syria despite significant defeats; call for a determined international effort to continue its fight against ISIS in Syria until its complete elimination; **recall that Turkish unilateral military actions constitute a grave violation of** international law and **have undermined** the stability and security of the region as a whole; dismantle the jihadist networks campaigning in Syria and Iraq and track and prosecute their members, who commanded over five thousand foreign fighters who they had radicalised, recruited and brought from Europe; continue to support the Global Coalition To Defeat ISIS in terms of political, financial, operational and

(g) deplore the continued presence on Syrian territory of hundreds of Iranian and Russian bases and Iranian and Russian militias; express concern about the economic exploitation of the country by predatory foreign powers; **take note of the military operation** by Turkish forces **against the Kurdistan Workers' Party in** Syrian territories in the north; **note that Türkiye is the NATO ally most affected by the conflict in Syria, has suffered the most terrorist attacks, hosts millions of refugees and shares borders with Iran, Iraq and Syria, one of the most insecure countries in the EU's neighbourhood; condemn** the renewed brutal military campaign by the Syrian government and Russia in north-western Syria, including on civilian targets; express their deep concern about the persistence of radical Islamist opposition in Idlib province; support the continuation of the international coalition against ISIS, which remains active in Syria despite significant defeats; call for a determined international effort to continue its fight against ISIS in Syria until its complete elimination; **recognise that Turkish operations to combat threats from across its border and the Turkish military presence in the Syrian territories should not only take account of Türkiye's security concerns, but should also be**

logistical means;

aligned with international law and *UN resolutions; note that the operations seek to strengthen* the stability and security of the region as a whole; dismantle the jihadist networks campaigning in Syria and Iraq and track and prosecute their members, who commanded over five thousand foreign fighters who they had radicalised, recruited and brought from Europe; continue to support the Global Coalition To Defeat ISIS in terms of political, financial, operational and logistical means;

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Paragraph 1 – point i

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(i) ***urge*** Member States to ***continue repatriating*** their nationals from the Al-Hol and Roj jihadist prison camps and to ***try them***, in fair trials, for any crimes they have committed; express serious concern about the deteriorating humanitarian, sanitary and security situation in the camps in north-east Syria, especially the Al-Hol and Roj camps, which continue to be breeding grounds for radicalisation; ***call on*** the Member States to repatriate ***all*** European ***children, offering them adequate support and reintegration; call on the Member States to promote in all bilateral relations and international bodies the repatriation of all children of nationals of third countries, in full respect of international law;***

(i) ***note that it is up to the*** Member States to ***decide whether to repatriate*** their nationals from the Al-Hol and Roj jihadist prison camps and to ***support their trials abroad***, in fair trials, for any crimes they have committed; express serious concern about the deteriorating humanitarian, sanitary and security situation in the camps in north-east Syria, especially the Al-Hol and Roj camps, which continue to be breeding grounds for radicalisation; ***reject pressure on*** the Member States to repatriate European ***citizens who are stuck in jihadist prison camps in Syria, especially considering that they wilfully travelled to Syria to join ISIS;*** ***acknowledge that they should be held accountable for their actions, including their support for and participation in terror organisations;***

Or. en

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(k) condemn the launch of rockets by Syrian forces from Syrian territory towards Israel and the Israeli-occupied Golan heights, and the sending of **an** unarmed **drone** to the north of Israel; condemn the repeated attempts by Hezbollah to receive Iranian weapons through Syrian territory; condemn the Assad regime's permissive attitude towards Al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups, especially with regard to facilitation efforts in the Iraq conflict, as it has fed the growth of Al-Qaeda, ISIS, and affiliated terrorist networks inside Syria;

(k) condemn the launch of rockets by Syrian forces **and Palestinian terror groups working with Hezbollah** from Syrian territory towards Israel and the Israeli-occupied Golan heights, and the sending of unarmed **drones** to the north of Israel; condemn the repeated attempts by Hezbollah to receive Iranian weapons through Syrian territory; condemn the Assad regime's permissive attitude towards Al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups, especially with regard to facilitation efforts in the Iraq conflict, as it has fed the growth of Al-Qaeda, ISIS, and affiliated terrorist networks inside Syria;

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(1) underline that Israel has occupied a part of the Syrian territory in the Golan Heights since 1967 and that the Israeli military continues to launch air strikes and other forms of attacks on Syrian territory;

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Paragraph 1 – point r

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(r) recall that Syria **cannot** be regarded, **in whole or in part**, as a safe country for the return of Syrian nationals living as refugees and asylum seekers in Europe and around the world, people who have fled the crimes of the regime **and** risk torture and enforced disappearance if they return to Syria; **reiterate to host countries, such as Türkiye, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt, that Syria is not a safe country, neither in whole nor in part, and that Syrian nationals can therefore not return safely; stress that each and every return must be voluntary and be under dignified conditions**; stress that some Syrians have fled terror organisations operating in Syria such as ISIS; stress that there are areas in Syria where violent jihadist groups and militias are still active; highlight the impact of the Syrian conflict on the 438 000 Palestinian refugees estimated to be in the country and who depend primarily on the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for their basic needs; **express concern regarding the Agency's financial situation and call for Palestinian refugees to be better included in the EU's humanitarian plans in Syria**;

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(r) recall that **parts of** Syria **can** be regarded as safe for the return of Syrian nationals living as refugees and asylum seekers in Europe and around the world; **note that some** people who have fled the crimes of the regime risk torture and enforced disappearance if they return to **regime-controlled areas in** Syria; stress that some Syrians have fled terror organisations operating in Syria such as ISIS; stress that there are areas in Syria where violent jihadist groups and militias are still active; highlight the impact of the Syrian conflict on the 438 000 Palestinian refugees estimated to be in the country and who depend primarily on the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for their basic needs;

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