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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

further to the Council and Commission statements

pursuant to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure

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on behalf of the PPE-DE Group

on Afghanistan

**European Parliament resolution on Afghanistan**

*The European Parliament,*

- recalling its earlier resolutions on Afghanistan,
  - having regard to UN Security Council Resolution 1419 of 26 June 2002,
  - having regard to the supplementary and amending budget 4/2002,
- A. whereas the UN Security Council commends the Afghan people on the success of the Emergency Loya Jirga from 1 to 19 June, noting with particular satisfaction the large participation of women, as well as the representation of all ethnic and religious communities,
- B. having regard to the difficulties encountered by the Transitional Authority in ensuring security and exercising its responsibilities on a nationwide basis,
- C. concerned at the reports received concerning the possible fate of certain Taliban prisoners,
- D. whereas some 90% of the heroin available in some EU Member States originates in Afghanistan,
- E. whereas several million refugees from Afghanistan still remain in Iran and Pakistan, and whereas a large proportion of refugees coming to EU Member States originate from Afghanistan, and numbers of them have extremist backgrounds,
- F. whereas Afghanistan is the country in the world most affected by mines and UXO (unexploded ordnance), a situation that has been exacerbated by the increase in open conflict and coalition military operations since September 2001,
1. Welcomes the initial steps for the implementation of the Bonn Agreement, including the establishment of the Human Rights and Judicial Commissions;
  2. Strongly supports the Head of State, President Karzai, and the Transitional Authority in their efforts towards full implementation of the Bonn Agreement, including the establishment of a Constitutional Commission;
  3. Calls on the Transitional Authority to ensure fair representation of all groups in administering the country; calls, in this context, on the Member States to consider a favourable response to any request from the Transitional Authority for the scope of ISAF's intervention to be extended;

4. Hopes that the work of the Constitutional Commission will soon be concluded, thus enabling Afghanistan to adhere to the international human rights conventions and treaties;
5. Calls for a full investigation into the claims concerning the treatment of certain Taliban prisoners;
6. Aware of the major challenges facing the President and the Transitional Authority, calls on all Afghan groups to cooperate fully with them and expects them to make determined efforts, notably to promote the welfare and interests of Afghan women and children and to eradicate the annual poppy crop
7. Calls for a well-coordinated programme of mine action, including assistance to mine victims, to be put in place as a matter of urgency with the full support of the Afghan government and the international community;
8. Welcomes the supplementary aid granted by the EU to the sum of EUR 70 m, which brings the EU's aid for 2002 to EUR 250 m;
9. Calls upon all donor countries that pledged financial aid at the Tokyo conference to fulfil their commitments promptly, and calls for further, long-term support for the social and economic reconstruction and rehabilitation of Afghanistan; insists that measures are put in place by the Government and the international community to ensure proper management, accounting and use of these funds;
10. Calls upon the Afghan authorities, assisted by the international community, to make every effort to prevent the flight from Afghanistan of those seeking to avoid justice, and to assist the orderly return and reintegration into society of refugees and displaced persons;
11. Calls upon all Afghan groups to support full and unimpeded access by humanitarian organisations to people in need and to ensure the safety and security of humanitarian workers;
12. Joins the Afghan people in its mourning on the anniversary of the assassination of Commander Massoud;
13. Reiterates its full support for the anti-terrorist actions now being pursued in Afghanistan;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Afghan President and the Afghan Transitional Authority.