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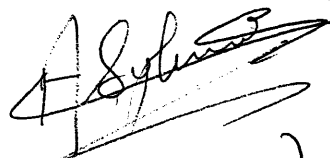
with request for inclusion in the debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

on the situation in Chechnya

pursuant to Rule 50(1) of the Rules of Procedure

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European Parliament resolution on Chechnya

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Chechnya
- A. Having regard that throughout the year 2002 the situation in Chechnya showed no signs of improvement, that the military conflict continued ;
- B. Having regard the terrorist attack against the headquarter of the civil administration of Chechnya in Grozny from December 2002 in which more than 70 people lost their lives and many more were wounded;
- C. Whereas civilians in Chechnya continue to be the victims of systematic violations of human rights and humanitarian law, and face the daily risk of torture, disappearance, and summary executions;
- D. Having regard the trial of Colonel Yuri Budanov who tortured and murdered the 18-year old Elza Kungaeva and who was relieved of criminal responsibility and sent to a psychiatric institution for treatment;
- E. Concerned about information that Chechen refugees in Ingushetia are forced to return to Chechnya where the military conflict is continuing and the conditions are still not conducive to a safe and sustainable return;
- F. Having regard the recent decision of the European Commission to grant € 3 million of humanitarian aid to provide food for victims of the conflict in Chechnya
- G. Having regard the decision of the Russian Government not to extend the OSCE Assistance Group's activities in Chechnya beyond 31 December 2002
- H. Having regard that the visit of the delegation of the European Parliament to Chechnya was again postponed

- 1) Condemns the continuation of the war conducted by the the Russian army in Chechnya; is shocked about the violence against the civilian population;
- 2) Reiterates its conviction that there is no military solution to the conflict in Chechnya; Calls upon all parties to this conflict to intensify the efforts to move towards reconciliatiomn and a peaceful settlement of the conflict
- 3) Condemns all terror attacks of Chechen rebel forces, notably against the last one against the government building in Grozny
- 4) Reiterates that without reliable protection of human rights, without establishing the rule of law and democratic structures it will not be possible to achieve a peacefull and lasting political solution to the Chechen conflict
- 5) Deplores that the Russian law enforcement agencies faile to launch serious investigations into cases of abuse of human rights violations in Chechnya, and have failed to prosecute the perpetrators of these crimes; urges the Russian government to undertake measures with the view to step up the commitment to pursue any perpetrators of human rights abuses, be it members of the Russian Federal Forces or Chechen terrorists, and to bring them to justice;
- 6) Welcomes the decision of the European Commission on humanitarian aid for Chechnya; urges Russia to cooperate fully with EC-funded humanitarian aid agencies and other international humanitarian organisations, to grant them access to Chechnya and to facilitate their operating conditions;
- 7) Expresses its appreciation for the work of the OSCE Assistance group in Chechnya which had been taseked since mid-2001 with promoting respect for human rights, facilitating humanitarian aid and promoting peaceful solutions of the crisis in Chechnya; believes that that the OSCE has an important contribution to make and thatit should in the future, too, be permitted to do so; urgently calls for the renewal of a viable OSCE Assistance Group to Chechnya ;
- 8) Calls on the Russian government to remove all obstacles delaying the planned visit of the delegation of the European Parliament to Chechnya and expresses the wish that the visit takes place in spring 2003
- 9) Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Parliaments of the Member States, the Council of Europe, the OSCE, the UN Secretary-General, the Russian State Duma and Federal Council, the Government of the Russian Federation and the authorities in Chechnya.