



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2009 - 2014

---

*Plenary sitting*

---

12.9.2011

B7-0486/2011

## 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 110(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Syria

**José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Elmar Brok, Ioannis Kasoulides, Tokia Saïfi, Hans-Gert Pöttering, Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Roberta Angelilli, Cristian Dan Preda, Mário David, Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Simon Busuttil, Dominique Vlasto, Nadezhda Neynsky, Franck Proust, Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Agnès Le Brun, Elena Băsescu**  
on behalf of the PPE Group

**European Parliament resolution on the situation in Syria**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Syria, in particular that of 7 July 2011,
  - having regard to Council Decision 2011/522/CFSP on amending Decision 2011/273/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria, Council Decision 2011/523/EU on partially suspending the application of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic, and Council Regulation 878/2011 amending Regulation (EU) No 442/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria of 2 September 2011,
  - having regard to the statements of the High Representative/Vice-President of the Commission on Syria of 8 and 31 July; 1, 4, 18, 19, 23 and 30 August; and 2 September 2011,
  - having regard to the Council conclusions on Syria of 18 July 2011,
  - having regard to the UN Security Council Presidential Statement of 3 August 2011,
  - having regard to the UNHRC Resolution on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic of 23 August 2011,
  - having regard to Rule 110(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas after five months of uprising, over 2,200 people have lost their lives due to the systematic use of violence by the government authorities, and many more have suffered severe injuries or have been detained, which has led to a dramatic life-threatening situation and to a major political and economic impasse in Syria;
- B. whereas the EU has adopted restrictive measures against the Syrian regime as a consequence of the escalation of the brutal campaign which the regime has been waging against the Syrian people, and whereas the EU is considering to extend those sanctions;
- C. whereas despite the repeal of the state of emergency announced on 21 April by the government, the army is still intervening against protestors, and whereas despite repeated commitments to implement political reform and change in Syria, the authorities have failed to take any credible steps to fulfil them;
- D. whereas the UNHRC, in its resolution of 23 August 2011 has decided to dispatch an independent international commission of inquiry to investigate all alleged violations of international human rights law since March 2011;
1. Reiterates its strong condemnation of the escalation of violence in Syria and the continuing serious violations of human rights; deplores the loss of life of civilians killed

by the security forces; urges the Syrian authorities to end the violent repression of peaceful protestors, to release all detained demonstrators, journalists, human rights defenders and political prisoners, and to allow unhindered access by human rights monitors and humanitarian agencies as well as independent and international media;

2. Expresses its sincere condolences to the families of the victims and its solidarity with the Syrian people fighting for their rights, commends its courage and determination and strongly supports its aspirations to achieve full respect of the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms and the guarantee of better economic and social conditions;
3. Supports the Council's conclusions of 18 July 2011, which state that the Syrian regime is calling its legitimacy into question by choosing a path of repression instead of fulfilling its own promises on broad reforms; calls on President Bashar al Assad and his regime to relinquish power immediately;
4. Welcomes the adoption by the Council on 2 September 2011 of new restrictive measures against the Syrian regime, including a ban on the import of crude oil to the EU and the addition of four Syrian persons and three entities to the list of those targeted by an asset freeze and travel ban; calls on the EU, in response to the deteriorating situation in Syria, to take further measures against the Syrian regime; encourages the EU to work with the members of the UNSC, Turkey and the Arab League in order to find a peaceful and sustainable solution;
5. Notes the UNSC Presidential Statement of 3 August 2011 on Syria, which stresses that the only solution to the current crisis is through an inclusive and Syrian-led political process; calls on the permanent members of the UNSC, and in particular Russia and China, to proceed with a Resolution condemning the use of lethal force by the Syrian regime and calling for an end to this use of force, and to put in place sanctions in failure of doing so;
6. Takes note of the meeting of the Secretary-General of the Arab League with the Syrian authorities and hopes that it will be followed by concrete results; takes note of the Syrian authorities authorisation to the ICRC to visit certain jails and encourages the authorities to extend this authorisation to all humanitarian organisations and give them access to the whole territory;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the High Representative, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Government and Parliament of the Russian Federation, the Government and Parliament of the People's Republic of China, the Government and Parliament of the United States, the Secretary-General of the Arab League and the Government and Parliament of the Syrian Arab Republic.