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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on re-establishing diplomatic relations with Syria

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European Parliament resolution on re-establishing diplomatic relations with Syria

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the 1977 cooperation agreement between the European Union and Syria,
- having regard to Resolution 2139 (2014) adopted by the United Nations Security Council on 22 February 2014,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the humanitarian crisis in Syria is worsening all the time and the fighting is intensifying every week;
- B. whereas humanitarian aid can only be provided in cooperation with the local authorities;
- C. whereas jihadist groups are threatening the stability of European countries;
- D. whereas it is high time that steps were taken to help the Syrian Government respond to the humanitarian disaster caused by the actions of Islamist armed terrorist groups;
- E. whereas, if the conflicts affecting Syria are to be resolved, discussions must be held with all parties, starting with the country's *de jure* authorities;
- 1. Calls on the European Union and its Member States to reopen their embassies in Damascus;
- 2. Calls for the re-establishment of normal diplomatic relations with Syria, as a prelude to the resumption of dialogue with the Syrian authorities;
- 3. Calls for the resumption of security cooperation with the Syrian armed forces, with a view to combating jihadist groups;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Member States.