



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the restoration of the ancient site of Palmyra

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the restoration of the ancient site of Palmyra

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 167 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which states that ‘the Union and Member States shall foster cooperation with third countries and the competent international organisations in the sphere of culture’,
 - having regard to the UNESCO Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of 16 November 1972,
 - having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the damage that ISIS caused to the ancient site of Palmyra has seriously impoverished world cultural heritage;
- B. whereas cultural organisations and Russian construction experts are already planning its restoration;
1. Recognises that restoration is impossible without international financial and technical cooperation and the involvement of UNESCO;
 2. Highlights the precedent set by the reconstruction of the Timbuktu mausoleums;
 3. Stresses the symbolism of EU participation in a project of this kind and the global reach of European expertise;
 4. Calls on the Commission to cooperate in this project and to support any European firm or cultural organisation wishing to work at the site.