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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the lifting of sanctions on Syria for humanitarian purposes

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the lifting of sanctions on Syria for humanitarian purposes**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on 13 February 2023 the Commission made a statement to Parliament concerning the EU response to the humanitarian situation following the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria;
- B. whereas on 30 May 2022 the Council extended the EU’s restrictive measures against the Syrian regime by another year, until 1 June 2023;
- C. whereas Syria has been ravaged by civil war and was suffering even before the terrible earthquake that struck its north-western region on 6 February 2023;
- D. whereas continuing the embargo would mean adding further fatalities to the thousands of victims lying under the rubble, as Syria would be prevented from receiving the humanitarian and economic aid needed to deal with a tragedy of such magnitude;
- 1. Notes that the sanctions have not had the intended effects and that their consequences have already taken a severe toll on Syria’s people;
- 2. Calls for the EU to lift its sanctions against Syria and do whatever it can to help Syria’s people, especially in the areas devastated by the earthquake;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Syrian authorities.