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on the fight against terrorism and respect for human rights

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Declaration on the fight against terrorism and respect for human rights

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas terrorism is a crime against humanity and must as such be fought by all states,
 - B. having regard to the anti-terrorist military action carried out in Afghanistan by the US and other countries in response to the 11 September 2001 attacks,
 - C. having regard to the need to protect the rights of the civilian populations caught up in conflicts,
1. Calls on the European Union to ask its Member States to take note of the measures undertaken to date in compliance with UN resolution 1373 (2001) on the fight against terrorism;
 2. Calls on the Union to maintain firm opposition to any extension of the conflict to other countries;
 3. Calls on the Union to make efforts to ensure that the threshold of sixty ratifications of the treaty on the creation of the International Criminal Court, required if it is to come into force, is reached;
 4. Calls on the Union to press for action at UN level on the following specific parliamentary resolutions:
 - for a moratorium on the use of the veto by the Member States, in the context of a future, more radical reform of the UN;
 - for the creation of a permanent UN policing body;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Council and Commission.