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## **JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 50(5) of the Rules of Procedure by

- Geoffrey Van Orden, Philippe Morillon and Bernd Posselt on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Margrietus J. van den Berg, Hannes Swoboda and Anna Karamanou on behalf of the PSE Group
- Joost Lagendijk on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
- Sylviane H. Ainardi, Ilda Figueiredo, Mihail Papayannakis and Alexandros Alavanos on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
- Cristiana Muscardini on behalf of the UEN Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- PPE-DE (B5-0021/2002),
- GUE/NGL (B5-0080/2002),

on the earthquake in Turkey

## European Parliament resolution on the earthquake in Turkey

*The European Parliament,*

- A. having regard to the severe extent of the earthquake, measuring 6 on the Richter scale, which hit western Turkey on 3 February 2002,
- B. whereas this earthquake left several score dead and several hundred injured, and destroyed large numbers of houses, especially in the towns of Bolvadin, Sultandagi et Cay,
- C. whereas Turkey is regularly hit by violent earthquakes,
  1. Expresses its deep sympathy with the relatives of the victims and the persons affected, and shares the grief of the people of Turkey at this new tragedy;
  2. Shares the distress and despair of the population of Turkey, who have suffered another devastating earthquake two and a half years after the terrible earthquake of August 1999;
  3. Welcomes the reactions of the Turkish authorities, the international community and civilian organisations, and calls on the EU's humanitarian agency (ECHO) and the EU Member States to assist urgently in alleviating as far as possible the sufferings of the populations affected;
  4. Calls on the Commission, once the scale of the disaster has been ascertained, to help the Turkish government in its efforts to reconstruct the region;
  5. Calls on the central and local authorities to ensure that the rebuilt housing complies with the safety legislation, especially regarding earthquake protection;
  6. Stresses the need to strengthen the provisions for earthquake surveillance and warning, especially in the most earthquake-prone regions;
  7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Turkish Government and the Grand National Assembly of Turkey.