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**Amendment 7**

**Nikolaos Chountis**

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

**Joint motion for a resolution**

**PPE, S&D, ALDE, ECR, EFD**

on forest fires in the summer of 2009

**Joint motion for a resolution**

**Recital A**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

A. whereas in 2009 the summer was once again marked by devastating wildfires across southern Europe, affecting EU Member States, outermost regions, applicant countries and the EU's immediate neighbours, and causing both human suffering, with at least eleven lives lost, and immense material and environmental damage,

*Amendment*

A. whereas in 2009 the summer was once again marked by devastating wildfires **and floods** across southern Europe, affecting EU Member States, outermost regions, applicant countries and the EU's immediate neighbours, and causing both human suffering, with at least eleven lives lost, and immense material and environmental damage,

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**Amendment 8**

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**Recital F**

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F. having regard to the damaging economic and social consequences of the natural disasters for regional economies, both in sectors such as tourism and in terms of productive activity in general,

*Amendment*

F. having regard to the damaging economic and social consequences of the natural disasters for **local and** regional economies, both in sectors such as tourism and in terms of productive activity in general,

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**Amendment 9**

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**Recital H a (new)**

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*Amendment*

*Ha. whereas some Member States still lack a complete land registry and a proper forest registry and maps, which, together with the inadequate implementation of laws prohibiting illegal building on burnt areas, constitute a vacuum that leads to changes in land use and the reclassification of forested land for construction and financial speculation,*

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**Amendment 10**

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**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

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*Amendment*

***2a. Notes that the damage caused by the forest fires could have been prevented if some Member States had developed and implemented more efficient prevention policies and adequate legislation on conservation and appropriate land use;***

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**Amendment 11**

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**Paragraph 4**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

4. Asks the Commission and the Member States to ensure that flood-risk management measures focus on prevention; considers that such measures, which work with nature and not against it, would protect people, property and the environment and help achieve environmentally sustainable water management, as well as the EU objective for biodiversity and the EU climate-change adaptation strategy;

*Amendment*

4. Asks the Commission and the Member States to ensure that flood-risk management measures focus on prevention ***of damage through changes in land use and through giving rivers more space where possible***; considers that such measures, which work with nature and not against it, would protect people, property and the environment and help achieve environmentally sustainable water management ***and land use planning*** as well as the EU objective for biodiversity and the EU climate-change adaptation strategy;

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**Amendment 12**

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**Paragraph 20 a (new)**

*Joint motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***20a. Calls on the governments of those Member States that still lack proper forest registers to draft a land register for forests without delay and mandate efficient monitoring of such legislation, as an effective disincentive to criminal acts which occur time and time again in the same areas, and to act immediately on the lack of firefighting resources and personnel;***

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