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on a support fund for victims of terrorism and a European Order of Merit for Peace and Freedom

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European Parliament resolution on a support fund for victims of terrorism and a European Order of Merit for Peace and Freedom

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the number of humanitarian and peacekeeping missions involving military personnel and civilians from EU Member States is growing all the time,
- B. whereas terrorism is increasingly targeting military personnel and civilians performing peacekeeping and humanitarian work, work currently carried out in compliance with UN resolutions which in future will, presumably, also be carried out under the aegis of the EU,
- C. recognising the noble aims of these missions, which are, on the one hand, to safeguard peace and build security, and, on the other, to help provide healthcare, food aid and civil assistance and to aid reconstruction in the affected area,
 1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to create a support fund for the families of people from EU Member States, both civilians and military personnel, killed or irreversibly wounded by terrorist attack during missions carried out under the aegis of the UN or the EU.
 2. Calls on the Commission and the Council to establish a ‘European Order of Merit for Peace and Freedom’ to be awarded to European citizens, both military personnel and civilians, who, while serving on a UN or EU peace mission, fall victim to terrorism, in recognition of the sacrifice of their lives in pursuit of a noble and humane ideal.