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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Syria (2016/2933(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on the situation in Syria (2016/2933(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the statement of 26 October 2016 by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the situation in Syria,
- having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas hostilities in Syria are escalating and causing numerous civilian casualties;
- 1. Strongly condemns all attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure;
- 2. Notes that the European Union is mainly focusing on the humanitarian aspects of the conflict; is concerned that humanitarian aid could be diverted to benefit terrorist groups;
- 3. Emphasises the ambiguous role of Turkey in the Syrian conflict, whose main goal is to stop the expansion of Kurdish militias rather than fighting ISIS on Syrian territory;
- 4. Notes that oil from ISIS-controlled territories is being exported into Turkey, providing extra funding for terrorist activities in Syria, Europe and elsewhere;
- 5. Condemns Turkey's support for opposition groups that have been infiltrated by jihadist fighters;
- 6. Condemns arms deliveries and any other form of support to ISIS, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham (formerly known as al-Nusra) and other jihadist groups in Syria;
- 7. Is concerned about reports by intelligence sources that ISIS is planning chemical gas attacks against the military and the civilian population in Aleppo East;
- 8. Urges all participants in the International Syria Support Group to resume negotiations to facilitate the establishment of a stable truce and to intensify work for a lasting political settlement in Syria;
- 9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Council, the Commission, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and all parties involved in the conflict in Syria.

