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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Charter of the United Nations,
 - having regard to the Treaty on European Union (TEU), in particular Articles 21, 34 and 36 thereof,
 - having regard to the EU Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World in 2016 and the European Union's policy on the matter,
 - having regard to its recommendation to the Council of 5 July 2017 on the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly¹,
 - having regard to the Council conclusions of 17 July 2017 on the EU priorities for the 72nd UN General Assembly,
 - having regard to the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants of 19 September 2016,
 - having regard to Rule 113 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (A8-0000/2018),
- A. whereas the EU remains fully committed to multilateralism and the promotion of UN core values;
- B. whereas EU's Global Strategy reflects the level of today's global challenges, which require a strong and more efficient UN;
- C. whereas EU Member States need to make every effort to coordinate their action in the organs and bodies of the United Nations system;
- D. whereas the EU and its Member States remain collectively the single largest financial contributor to the UN;
- E. whereas the global political order and the security environment are rapidly evolving and require immediate global responses and the setting-up of adequate tools and mechanisms;
1. Recommends the following to the Council:

Reform of the UN system, including reform of the Security Council

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2017)0304.

- (a) to actively support the UN Secretary-General's (UNSG) three pillar reform agenda; to support the streamlining of the peace and security structure, which needs to become more efficient, focused and operational;
- (b) to support the UNSG's efforts in making a substantial change in order to align the UN development system with the priorities of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- (c) to call on UN Member States to empower both the UNSG and Deputy SG authorities in the process of streamlining the UN management system;
- (d) to call on UN Member States to maintain their financial efforts while increasing effectiveness and efficiency;
- (e) to call for a comprehensive reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on the basis of a broad consensus; to promote the revitalisation of the work of the General Assembly and improved coordination and coherence of the actions of all UN institutions;
- (f) to redouble efforts to reform the UNSC in particular, notably through a limitation of the use of the right to veto and a change in the composition of its membership to better reflect today's world, inter alia through a permanent seat for the European Union;

Peace and security

- (g) to call on the EU and the UN to play complementary and reinforcing roles every time peace and security are threatened; to initiate structured political cooperation between the EU and the UN;
- (h) to stress that global and regional threats and common global concerns require a response and responsibilities taken by the whole international community, including all UNSC permanent members and integrally involving other major emerging economies and developing countries;
- (i) to welcome the trilateral cooperation between the African Union (AU), the EU and the UN as a strong signal in terms of strengthening multilateralism and global governance and providing assistance to those in need of international protection;

Women, Peace and Security Agenda

- (j) to call on all Member States to continue to support and implement the eight UN Security Council resolutions¹ which make up the Women, Peace and Security Agenda, and guide work to promote gender equality and strengthen women's participation, protection and rights across the conflict cycle, from conflict prevention through post-conflict reconstruction;
- (k) to recall that sexual violence such as rape is used as a tactic of war and

¹ 1325 (2000), 1820 (2009); 1888 (2009); 1889 (2010); 1960 (2011); 2106 (2013); 2122 (2013) and 2242 (2015).

constitutes a war crime; to ensure safe medical assistance for cases of war rape; to call for strengthened protection of women and girls in conflict situations, especially as regards sexual violence;

- (l) to support and strengthen international efforts through the UN to ensure gender analysis as well as gender and human rights mainstreaming in all UN activities; to develop indicators and to implement monitoring tools to measure progress on the participation of women in peace and security building and to ensure accountability;

Conflict prevention and mediation

- (m) to provide all means to proactively support the UNSG's priorities for conflict prevention and mediation¹, by such initiatives as the establishment of the High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation;
- (n) to strengthen the operational side of EU and UN priorities for conflict prevention, including by ensuring the availability of experienced mediators and mediation advisers, including women envoys and senior officials;
- (o) to further strengthen EU-UN cooperation on devising instruments to address the recurrent problem of election-related violence, including by building on the experience of MEPs in Election Observation Missions and parliamentary pre-election dialogues with political parties;

Non-proliferation and disarmament

- (p) to systematically support all UN actions related to non-proliferation and counter-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;
- (q) to promote the full implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and encourage all UN Member States to sign and ratify the ATT;
- (r) to work towards more effective action against the diversion of, and illicit trade in, weapons and ammunition, including small arms and light weapons, in particular by developing a weapons tracking system; to request that UN members actively take steps towards global disarmament;

Human rights, democracy and the rule of law

- (s) to recall that human rights are indivisible, interdependent and interrelated; to call on the EU and the UN to condemn the disturbing global trend towards a marginalisation of human rights, particularly with regard to the closing space for civil society around the world;
- (t) to ensure that human rights reforms continue to be fully integrated within the UN's three pillars of reform;
- (u) to maintain a strong commitment to promoting an end to the death penalty

¹ As set out in his first statement to the UN Security Council on 10 January 2017.

worldwide;

Global Compacts for Migration and on Refugees

- (v) to fully support the UN-led efforts to negotiate two Global Compacts for Migration and on Refugees based on the September 2016 New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants;
- (w) to push for ambitious and balanced provisions allowing for more effective international cooperation and more equitable and predictable global burden-sharing in dealing with migration flows and forced displacement;
- (x) to ensure that human rights are put at the core of the Global Compacts; to pay specific attention to migrants in situations of vulnerability, such as children, women at risk, victims of human trafficking or persons with disabilities;
- (y) to continue and enhance the support, including financial support, provided to the UNHCR in implementing its international mandate to protect refugees;

Climate change and climate diplomacy

- (z) to reaffirm the EU's commitment to the Paris Agreement and to stress the need to implement the Paris Agreement globally to preserve our habitat for future generations;
 - (aa) to insist on the need to develop a comprehensive strategy for EU climate diplomacy and to integrate climate into all fields of EU external action, including trade, development cooperation, humanitarian aid and security and defence;
 - (ab) to call for the opening of a debate on establishing an international legal definition of the term 'climate refugees/migrants';
2. Instructs its President to forward this recommendation to the Council, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the EU Special Representative for Human Rights, the European External Action Service, the Commission and, for information, the United Nations General Assembly and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.