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3rd Standing Committee on Dialogue among Civilizations and Human Rights

“Protection of Civilians”

Rapporteur: Hon. Nathalie Amoratti-Blanc

Resolution unanimously adopted during the 9th PAM Plenary Session in Monaco, 3 February 2015

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean,

- a) *Deeply disturbed* in regards to the scale of casualties and violence in various regional conflicts,
- b) *Deeply concerned* about the grave deterioration of the human rights situation and the indiscriminate killing and deliberate targeting of civilians,
- c) *Deeply concerned* about the amount of people who fled their homes due to conflicts and civil strife,
- d) *Condemning* all attacks on civilians, their homes, and infrastructure of public utility,
- e) *Expressing its appreciation* to all the States, refugee agencies, NGOs and other actors involved in hosting and protecting refugees,
- f) *Taking note* of the hardships endured by displaced people,
- g) *Alarmed* at the sharp increase in maritime migration flows,
- h) *Deeply Concerned* with the scaling down of maritime rescue operations aimed at replacing the Mare Nostrum operation,
- i) *Deploring* attacks on journalists, humanitarian workers, and other civilian professionals,
- j) *Recalling* the principles of International Humanitarian Law, the Geneva Conventions, and all other relevant treaties in relation to the role of civilians in conflict,
- k) *Recalling* the 2005 UN General Assembly’s adoption of the “Responsibility to Protect” principles,

- l) *Reaffirming* the Assembly's commitment to Human Rights,
- m) *Underlining* the role of Parliamentarians in the protection of civilians,

- I. ***Urges*** Heads of States, Governments and National Parliaments to do everything in their power to ensure the protection of civilians in conflict;
- II. ***Urges*** all parties to regional conflicts to seek peace through political dialogue;
- III. ***Reaffirms*** its commitment to international efforts to find a political solution to the Syrian crisis;
- IV. ***Calls*** on States to place human rights at the centre of their border management policies;
- V. ***Encourages*** States to take proactive measures against the human trafficking criminal organizations;
- VI. ***Calls*** on States to ensure that refugees have safe and legal means of escaping conflict zones;
- VII. ***Calls on*** Governments and parliaments of PAM member states to take a proactive approach in preparation for the UN World Humanitarian Summit in 2016;
- VIII. ***Invites*** the member parliaments to work with PAM in setting up a Rapid Deployment Team (RDT) program;
- IX. ***Invites*** member parliaments to nominate MPs to the roster of delegates for the composition of RDTs ;
- X. ***Reaffirms*** its commitment to the UN adopted Responsibility to Protect principles;
- XI. ***Calls*** on member states to co-operate in a coordinated response to migration flows;
- XII. ***Requests*** the PAM Third Standing Committee to continue to monitor the humanitarian situation in the region and regularly report to the Assembly.