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Situation in Syria: humanitarian crisis and solidarity

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The undersigned members of the Parliamentary Assembly express once more their grave concern over the ongoing crisis in Syria which resulted in the death of almost 200,000 innocent people, 6.5 million IDPs and 2.5 million refugees.

Recalling Assembly Resolution 1971 (2014) and Recommendation 2026 (2013), we reiterate our gratitude to the neighbouring countries for their tremendous efforts in hosting and assisting Syrian refugees.

Recognizing that Turkey is one of the most affected countries by the conflict and mobilizing all its capabilities to embrace all Syrians fleeing from Syria, regardless of gender, ethnic and religious background, its efforts should be appreciated.

Turkey has already taken necessary measures with respect to Syrian Armenians residing in Kesab in collaboration with the Armenian Community Leadership in Turkey and informed the relevant UN bodies. Recently, Syrian Armenians have been admitted to Turkey where their basic needs are provided.

We strongly condemn the unfounded and deliberate allegations emanating from some circles with regard to the position of Turkey on the conflict in the Latakia/Kesab region. These allegations are baseless and unacceptable.

Turkey's commitment to condemn all forms of terrorism is well known and appreciated by the international community.

We encourage Turkey to maintain its efforts and call on the member States to demonstrate shared responsibilities.

Signed (see overleaf)

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