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Libya's future between the threats of terrorism and a democratic prospect

Motion for a resolution

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This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

Libya is a country torn apart between the government of Tobruk in the east, in Cyrenaica, led by Abdullah al Thani and recognized by the international community, and the parallel government in Tripoli, led by Khalifa Al Ghweil, a representative of Fajr Libya and of different factions and militias, notably based in Misrata.

Another even more dangerous factor is wreaking havoc in Libya: the Jihadist groups, present in Sirte, Derna and Benghazi, and the groups linked to "IS", which have proclaimed some parts of Libya as seat of their Caliphate, are more and more ruthless.

Every day Libyan and foreign civilians are kidnapped and killed, only because they belong to a tribe, a family or a religion and the human rights of men, women and children are denied by gun firing. It is therefore necessary to join forces to uphold the rule of law in the country and establish a State capable of protecting its citizens.

The failure to resolve the Libyan conflict has favoured unprecedented migratory flows; the chaos prevailing in the region favours international criminal organizations that make huge profits from human trafficking and, in some cases, finance militias and armed groups.

Addressing urgently and firmly this crisis is not only a question of security but also of dignity: accompanying Libya on its path towards political stability means leaving no room for criminal organisations, preventing terrorist groups – notably "IS" – from gaining ground and stopping people's lives from being turned into a criminal business.

Future political developments in Libya could have a strong impact on stability and security in the whole Mediterranean region and in Europe.

It is extremely important for the Parliamentary Assembly to monitor closely and carefully the current situation in Libya and its evolution and to accompany this country in its difficult and crucial path towards democracy by favouring a constructive engagement with the different factions and components of the Libyan civil society.

Signed (see overleaf)



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