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European weapons and funds for Daesh

Motion for a resolution
tabled by Mr Pieter OMTZIGT and other members of the Assembly

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

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Conflict Armament Research (CAR) did three years of field investigation into Islamic State (Daesh) supply chains. It presented an analysis of more than 40 000 items recovered from the group between 2014 and 2017.

CAR found that many weapons originated from Council of Europe States like Bulgaria and Romania. This is not a proof that these weapons were directly exported with the approval of these States. CAR research shows nevertheless that supply chains exist through which weapons ended up in the hands of a group that committed and commits genocide, according to the Parliamentary Assembly, and committed numerous terrorist attacks in Europe. A Bulgarian journalist who blew the whistle on such trafficking, Ms Dilyana Gaytandzhieva, was dismissed from her job.

The Assembly should therefore carry out research into the supply of weapons and funds to Daesh and examine whether countries have fulfilled their international obligation to prevent support for terrorist organisations.

If necessary, new political or legal mechanisms could be proposed to prevent European weapons and cash ever being used by this organisation, and to protect whistleblowers who help in achieving this aim.

Signed (see overleaf)

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