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### Debate

Pino Arlacchi (S&D), in writing . – Mr. President, I strongly support this resolution, because it calls on all the actors involved in the Syrian crisis to respect international humanitarian law. We must make sure that those responsible for the widespread and gross human rights violations committed in Syria over the past 24 months will be held accountable. The humanitarian situation in Syria is worsening every day, and I believe that any further militarisation of the conflict can only bring greater suffering to the Syrian people and the region as a whole. The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria observed that more brutal tactics and new military capabilities have been employed in recent months by both sides of the conflict. The EU should take a leading role in putting an end to the arms flow in the country and should also continue to provide extensive assistance to the Syrian refugees.

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