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Declaration for peace and dialogue: Stop Turkey's attacks against Afrin

In the past few days, Turkish air strikes have been launched against Afrin, a Kurdish region in Northern Syria, killing and wounding several civilians. This Turkish military operation is taking place without any provocation or attack by either Kurds in this region, or by Syria.

The European signatories of this declaration urge the European Commission and the Member States to redouble their political efforts to demand that Turkey immediately stops its military offensive. We also request the urgent reactivation of the dialogue in the framework of the Geneva talks on Syria, involving all parties, including the Kurds.

We further recognise that the fight of the Kurds in the front line against Daesh also contributes to European security. The destabilisation that Turkey's attack will cause in this area seriously threatens the security of the entire region. The silence or equidistance of the European Union and the international community is not an option.

We, the undersigned MEPs, call on the EU and the UN to take action in order for these attacks to stop immediately.

Appel à la paix et au dialogue : la Turquie doit cesser immédiatement son intervention militaire à Afrine

Ces derniers jours, des frappes aériennes turques ont été lancées contre Afrine, une région kurde du nord de la Syrie, tuant et blessant plusieurs civils. Cette opération militaire turque se déroule sans aucune provocation ni attaque de la part des Kurdes de cette région ou de la Syrie.

Les députés européens signataires de cette déclaration exhortent la Commission européenne et les États membres à redoubler d'efforts politiques pour exiger que la Turquie arrête immédiatement son offensive militaire. Nous demandons également la réactivation urgente du dialogue dans le cadre des pourparlers de Genève sur la Syrie, impliquant toutes les parties, y compris les Kurdes.

Nous reconnaissons en outre que le combat des Kurdes, au front contre Daech, contribue également à la sécurité européenne. La déstabilisation que l'attaque de la Turquie provoquera dans cette région menace sérieusement la sécurité de toute la région. Le silence de l'Union européenne et de la communauté internationale n'est pas une option.

Nous appelons l'UE et l'ONU à agir pour que ces attaques cessent immédiatement.



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