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Resolution on Darfur crisis

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Since winter 2003, more than 300,000 civilians have died in the North-Western region of Darfur in Sudan, as a result of a political and economical conflict. Janjawid militias, allied with the Sudanese government of Khartoum and supported by the Muslim tribes from Arabic influence, keep on perpetrating massacres against contesting Africanised Muslim tribes from the western part of the country. Today 2.5 million people have been displaced from this region of 6 million inhabitants causing a massive exodus of refugees inside the country and abroad in neighbouring Chad. We cannot ignore anymore this humanitarian disaster. United Nations have qualified this crisis as an ethnic cleansing.

Resolution proposal

Considering that

- A. Since 2003, Darfur region has been wrecked by a civilian war opposing rebels to the Sudanese government;
- B. On the 6 million people of Darfur, 2,5 million have been displaced in refugee camps, 230.000 civilians have found refuge in Chad;
- C. Important massacres have been perpetrated causing the deaths of several tenths of thousands of people.
- D. Women and children, are continually victims of rape while, in addition, the Janjawid commit kidnappings and murders on the civilian population;
- E. There is humanitarian and health crisis in refugee camps;
- F. NGOs face increasing difficulties in shipping the aid ;
- G. UN Security Council has ordered through its 30th July 2004 resolution the Sudanese government to disarm the Janjawid militias who terrorise the civil population in Darfur within 30 days;
- H. By the expiration of the above mentioned ultimatum no significant improvement to the humanitarian situation could be observed;

- I. The US former Secretary of State Collin Powell on the basis of a thorough investigation in the refugee camps asserted that a genocide was perpetrated and could extend;
- J. The Sudanese government refused the implementation of resolution 1706 of the UN Security Council;
- K. The African Union has deployed armed forces in the Darfur region at the end of 2006 but despite these efforts the situation remains deeply worrying;
- L. The Sudanese Government has eventually accepted to send 3,000 UN Blue Helmets and 6 helicopters on his territory as a support to the African Union forces;
- M. The option described in L is welcome but not sufficient;
- N. The US President George W. Bush has not excluded a military intervention in case the UN Security Council did not accept any sanction in order to end the Sudanese genocide;
- O. The European Union is competent to intervene in this type of matter according to the Petersberg missions;

Regretting that

- P. Until recently, Russia and China had comforted the position of the Sudanese government by refusing any armed intervention from the UN;
- Q. Russia and China do not agree to formally consider the situation in Darfur as a genocide and consequently are not calling for further sanction;

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1. In order an immediate end to the genocide, the European Council and its Member States to:
 - a. send combat forces to manage the crisis within the framework of the *Petersberg Missions* on the model of the successful Artemis Operation in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo in 2003;
 - b. ensure that these combat forces maintain peace and develop together with the 3,000 Blue Helmets a security corridor in order to protect NGOs and help them to ship the humanitarian aid to the victims of the conflict;
 - c. exercise its duty to intervene in order to help the victims and put an end to human rights violations in line with articles from 52 to 54 of the UN Charter and in the spirit of the TEU;
2. The European Institutions to:

strictly recognize the crimes perpetrated in Darfur as a genocide and thus to strongly put pressure on the Council in order to arouse the military reaction described in 1;

3. The LYMEC Bureau to:

- a. Present these ideas to the ELDR Party and the ALDE Group in the European Parliament, and in particular to the ELDR Prime Ministers and Leaders;
- b. Send this resolution to all EU27 national governments and parliamentary assemblies;

4. LYMEC Member Organisations to:

- a. Reflect these ideas in their national media;
- b. Ask their mother parties to submit motions at national parliamentary assemblies on Darfur along the lines of this resolution.

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