



European Parliament must intervene to stop violence, use of force and violation of human rights at the EU-Turkey border

We call on the European Parliament and the political groups representing EU citizens to stop violence and the use of force against defenseless people on the border between EU and Turkey and to restore legality and respect for human rights, firstly the right of asylum.

What is happening is the result of wrong choices made with the aim of externalizing borders and preventing people fleeing wars and persecutions from arriving in Europe to seek protection.

The agreement signed in March 2016 with Erdogan's Turkey is not only wrong but also counterproductive.

Governments and European institutions have provided Turkey with an instrument of blackmail that allows people to be used as goods, erasing our history, the principles of European constitutions and the civilization of law.

The Greek government, with the support of European governments and the Commission, has waged a real war, with the use of weapons and indiscriminate violence, against defenseless men, women and minors.

The use of weapons, by army and police, against unarmed civilians is prohibited by international laws and conventions and there is no circumstance that can justify such barbarism.

The European Parliament must intervene to reaffirm the principle of non-refoulement which in these hours is being canceled at the Greek-Turkish border, the right of asylum and acceptance of the people who come to our borders to seek protection.

Action must be taken to reaffirm the need for a European redistribution plan for asylum seekers, with adequate quotas and with priorities for unaccompanied foreign minors and vulnerable situations.

There is an urgent need to stop violence and the use of force against refugees and to reiterate those principles of solidarity and humanity that are a fundamental part of the European Union and which we cannot renounce if we do not want to erase our history and feed anti-European and anti-democratic feelings, who put the very existence of the EU at risk.

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