

Amendments to draft resolution On the Situation in Syria

No	Party	Line	Action	Current Text	Proposed Amendment	Explanation/Comment
1	Swiss Greens	3-5	replace	Half of the country's inhabitants have been forced to flee and today still live in uncertain conditions, mostly in camps in the neighboring countries.	Half of the country's inhabitants have been forced to flee and today still live in uncertain conditions, 6.3 Million are internally displaced and 5 Millions in camps in the neighboring countries.	See the figures under http://www.unocha.org/syria . Most of the inhabitants are in Syria.
2	EELV	5	add	Half of the country's inhabitants have been forced to flee and today still live in uncertain conditions, mostly in camps in the neighboring countries.	Half of the country's inhabitants have been forced to flee and today still live in uncertain conditions, mostly in camps in the neighboring countries. Some of the underlying reasons of the social unrest are the insidiously obtained wealth of the Assad clan, the ensuing poverty in a worldwide speculation on food products, but also the droughts due to the global climate change worsened by the exhaustive draining of the ground water in favour of Assad's clientele. The question of water resources has always led to and increased the regional conflicts. Both rivers, the Tigris and the Euphrates, which are essential for the survival of the people, take their sources in Turkey and that represents another lever of influence for the Turkish government.	In a Resolution of the EGP on such a serious matter, basic environmental origins of the conflict should be mentioned in order to understand how to reach a long-term comprehensive solution

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3	Swiss Greens	7	Add at the end of para 1.	Para 1.	In addition to the immediate consequences of the war, the Syrian population as a whole also suffers from the draconian sanctions regime that the EU and other countries have imposed on Syria. If initially the sanctions targeted only the Syrian regime, they have since been expanded and tightened. Today, they have the effect of a collective punishment against the Syrian people for the actions of their government. Collective punishment is forbidden by the Fourth Geneva Convention. The EGP strongly urges the international community to suspend all sanctions that do not exclusively target war criminals.	Self-explanatory. Only like that the situation of the people can become better.
4	Ecologist Greens	8-10	replace	We welcome the temporary cease-fire since the end of last year that seems to be holding across most of Syria, and we support all diplomatic efforts, which may allow for continued suspension of hostilities, its consolidation and the beginning of another round of peace talks.	We welcome the different cease-fires that have happened the last period of time but we should strengthen the diplomatic efforts in order to allow a continued suspension of hostilities, a consolidation of the cease-fire and the beginning of another round of peace talks	There is no continued cease-fire until now. The text needs update.
5	German Greens	10	add	These peace talks must also give an opportunity to women to voice their contribution.	These peace talks must also give an opportunity to women and the civil society to voice their contribution.	

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6	Vihreät - De Gröna	11	add	... talks must also give an opportunity to women to voice their contribution. Since the start...	... talks must also give an opportunity to women and ethnic and religious minorities to voice their contribution. Since the start...	
7	German Greens	12-13	replace	tragedy, the EGP has been very clear: there is no military solution and only an inclusive, political process will provide an end to the war.	tragedy, the EGP has been very clear: We reject and condemn attempts to coerce Syrians into submission by military force and repression. Such a military and violent solution cannot provide a sustainable path forward for Syria and a future for Syrians. Only an inclusive, political process will provide an end to the war and a truly lasting peace.	
8	ICV	13	add	Setting pre-conditions or excluding negotiating parties is the best guarantee to see fighting resumed.	Setting pre-conditions or excluding negotiating parties (as Kurds representatives) is the best guarantee to see fighting resumed.	to make explicit one of the most relevant exclusions, which Greens should push for its inclusion
9	Vihreät - De Gröna	16	replace	...its Member States and of the West at large in the Syrian conflict. There will be a need...	its Member States and of the international community at large in the Syrian conflict. There will be a need...	
10	Swiss Greens	19	Add at the end of para 3	Para 3	At the same time, the rich Arab states are also called upon to accept refugees and to contribute their part to the solution.	In Europe again and again it has been said that the rich Arab states - Muslim states - are not doing anything or not enough in this matter. Why do we in Europe have to accept so many refugee? While the rich Arab states, which speak the same language, have the "same religion" are not doing enough.

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11	Ecologist Greens	20-22	delete	While side-lined and marginalised at the diplomatic table - mostly because of its own doing - Europe has a role to play in the recovery and reconstruction of Syria and an experience to share in terms of reconciliation, fostering trust and overcoming the destructive forces of war.		it is a very colonialistic and undemocratic view of the situation, on one hand, wanting to impose a certain method, or view of things. While especially writing “reconstruction”, it seems like we shouldn’t miss the economic benefits of a war. As greens we should be against EU taking advantage of this war.
12	Vihreät - De Gröna	21	add	Europe has a role to play in the recovery and reconstruction of Syria and an experience to share...	European Union has a role to play in the recovery and reconstruction of Syria and an experience to share...	
13	EELV	21	add	While side-lined and marginalised at the diplomatic table - mostly because of its own doing - Europe has a role to play in the recovery and reconstruction of Syria and an experience to share in terms of reconciliation, ...	While side-lined and marginalised at the diplomatic table - mostly because of its own doing - Europe has a role to play in the recovery and reconstruction of Syria and an experience to share together with local oppositional democratic forces such as local councils and various NGO’s in terms of reconciliation, ...	Even under the most difficult circumstances local democratic forces exist and still operate
14	Swiss Greens	22	add	...fostering trust and overcoming the destructive forces of war.	Social pluralism must be restored: women, LGBT people and religious minorities must be accepted in any future Syria as equal citizens.	Equality for all!
15	German Greens	25	replace	particular its regional allies - to deescalate, rather than refuel, the conflict.	particular its regional partners - to deescalate, rather than refuel, the conflict.	

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16	ICV	29	add	...particular Daesh and Jabhat Fateh al-Sham ...	particular Daesh, who have committed acts of genocide , and Jabhat Fateh al-Sham	it is important to state the gravity of DAESH crimes. Reading this paragraph one could have the impression that DAESH crimes are less barbarian
17	Cyprus Greens	29	add	in particular Daesh and Jabhat Fateh Al-Sham	in particular IS /Daesh and Jabhat Fateh Al-Sham	Both names are used and should be mentioned in the text for all citizens/cultures to identify who we are talking about.
18	EELV	30	add	All war crimes and violations of human rights must be prosecuted.	No national reconciliation will be possible without a due process of law, leaving no room for any impunity.	Self-explanatory
19	Vihreät - De Gröna	31	replace	We deeply deplore that European governments and some of our close allies	We deeply deplore that many governments	
20	German Greens	31	replace	We deeply deplore that European governments and some of our close allies	We deeply deplore that European governments and some of our close partners	
21	Groen Links	31-33	delete para 6	We deeply deplore that European governments and some of our close allies have provided military, financial or logistical support to warring actors that have been, and still are, responsible for serious crimes.		We believe there are situations where groups fighting against the regime of Assad and against Daesh, could get support of European governments.

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22	Swiss Greens	33	Add at end of para 6	We deeply deplore that European governments and some of our close allies have provided military, financial or logistical support to warring actors that have been, and still are, responsible for serious crimes.	We are deeply concerned by the fact that the armed opposition in Syria is dominated by numerous radical Islamist militias, who, in the territories they control, harshly discriminate against or persecute women, sexual minorities, non-Muslims and Muslims who do not subscribe to their rules of religious practice.	Equality and freedom for all in Syria.
23	Groen	34-35	replace	While the EGP recognises that Russia has secured itself a decisive and indispensable role on the Syria question, we denounce	While the EGP recognises that Russia has secured itself a decisive role on the Syria question, we denounce the damaging role Russia is playing in the region and we condemn	We want to make clear that Russia is not playing a constructive role, on the contrary.

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24	Cyprus Greens	34-36	replace	While the EGP recognises that Russia has secured itself a decisive and indispensable role on the Syrian question, we denounce the complicity of President Putin in the destruction in Syria, as illustrated most gruesomely by flattening Aleppo by Russian air forces.	We denounce the excessive use of air bombing, both by Russia and the Assad government, as well as the US and other foreign airforces involved in the Syrian civil war, which has caused huge civilian casualties and extensive damage to infrastructure.	We believe that EGP resolutions should be as objective as possible, and singling out Russia in the Syrian conflict is a mistake. Especially if you consider that Russia only got militarily involved later in the conflict, when the country was already extremely devastated from the civil warfare that had been raging for 4 years and 1 year AFTER the US led coalition started bombing sites in Syria. Syrian opposition groups formed the Free Syrian Army (FSA) and seized control of the area surrounding Aleppo and parts of southern Syria since 2012. On 12 June 2012, the UN for the first time officially proclaimed Syria to be in a state of civil war. The U.S. has been offering support to rebel troops since at least Dec. 2011, with training and supplies (military and otherwise)(http://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/nato-vs-syria/). In 2014, a coalition of NATO countries began launching airstrikes against ISIL and Russia started offering air support to the Syrian government troops in June 2014. On 30 September 2014, precisely and totally not only all the counterparts, but also the way the Syrians manage those funds against both ISIL and the anti-Assad FSA. If we want to point fingers, we need to point fingers to everybody, not just Russia.

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25	German Greens	34-36	replace	<p>While the EGP recognises that Russia has secured itself a decisive and indispensable role on the Syrian question, we denounce the complicity of President Putin in the destruction in Syria, as illustrated most gruesomely by the flattening of Aleppo by Russian air forces.</p>	<p>We denounce the complicity of President Putin in the destruction in Syria, as illustrated most gruesomely by the flattening of Aleppo by Russian air forces. Nevertheless, the EGP must deal realistically with the fact that Russia has secured itself a decisive and indispensable role on the Syrian question.</p>	
26	ICV	36	add	<p>by the flattening of Aleppo by Russian air forces.</p>	<p>Foreign involvement has contributed to the prolongation and barbarization of this war. We hereby also condemn other foreign powers' military involvement, especially Saudi Arabia's, in promoting and supporting the military capabilities of terrorist and Takfirist organisations.</p>	<p>It seems biased only denouncing russian military involvement.</p>
27	Vihreät - De Gröna	36	add	<p>illustrated most gruesomely by the flattening of Aleppo by Russian air forces.</p>	<p>illustrated most gruesomely by the flattening of parts of Aleppo by Russian air forces.</p>	

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28	EELV	36	add new bullet point		<p>With great concern, the EGP notes that the Russian military and political interventions also opened the door to Iran becoming an officially recognised stakeholder in the Syrian question. The inevitable consequence of this is that putting the emphasis on the Shi'ites vs. Sunnites antagonism serves as an excuse not to address the social, economical and political origins of the conflict.</p> <p>Even if Mr Erdogan does not come out strengthened by his referendum, he will pursue a policy of securing a buffer zone at the Turkish-Syrian border under Turkish control, eliminating both “Jihadists and Kurds”, risking a de facto division of Syria, laying ipso facto the ground for another future internal conflict.</p>	At the moment, an EGP Resolution on Syria cannot remain silent on the respective roles of Turkey and Iran in the area and particularly putting in perspective their national views on Syria

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29	Cyprus Greens	36	add		<p>We also condemn the fomenting of radical extremist groups by foreign governments, such as the U.S., Iran, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. We especially note Turkey's efforts to further destabilise the situation on the ground by invading Syrian territory and conducting warfare, mainly against Syrian Kyrdish military groups that had been succesfully protecting their native lands from ISIS and other extremist troops.</p>	<p>Turkey's role in the whole situation is underrepresented in the foreign media. The facts speak for themselves:</p> <p>1) Turkey helped IS troops attack the Kurdish city of Kobani from its side of the border. The battle of Kobani started from October but IS only gained the city after it attacked it from the Turkish side on the 29th of November. https://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/nov/29/isis-attack-kobani-inside-turkey-first-time</p> <p>2) The Turkish Government was outed for transferring military supplies into Syria using turkish forces (May 2015) http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-turkey-arms-idUSKBN0OE28T20150529. This is the incident that has led to the improsinment of the German reporter Deniz Yücel</p> <p>3) On 24 August 2016, the Turkish armed forces, supported by the U.S., began a declared direct military intervention into Syria. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkish_military_intervention_in_Syria</p> <p>Turkey needs to be condemned for this intervention if we are to be objective in our Resolution.</p>

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30	ICV	37-40	delete point 8			Reading the resolution as a whole, it seems that it develops in greater extent in Assad side crimes, and understates other warring actors crimes and atrocities. Although facts described in this paragraph are true, in order to have a more nuanced resolution, these lines could be deleted.
31	Cyprus Greens	37-40	replace	The latest reports of mass hangings and exterminations and of widespread sexual violence against children in detention centres under the control of Assad confirm the latter's ranking among the worst barbarians of human history. These atrocities cannot be rationalised by pointing to atrocities that have been committed by Daesh or other groups.	We vehemently condemn the crimes against humanity that have been perpetrated by all parties involved in this bloody 6-year conflict. Atrocities such as genocide, sexual violence against men, women or children, mass murders of persons detained or the use of chemical bombs cannot be rationalised by any arguments, either religious or ethnic or political. We especially deplore the efforts of some conflicting parties to enforce sharia law on the areas they occupy, and the targeted persecution and expulsion efforts of indigenous communities and religious groups.	This statement is unacceptable. Daesh and all religious extremist groups are not only responsible for war crimes. They are conducting warfare against the way of life of the whole world. They refuse to accept basic human rights such as the right to freedom and life to women, freedom of religion, freedom of speech of one's national tongue. Such acts should not be downgraded by efforts to portray the Assad regime as the sole instigator and responsible party of the Syrian conflict.
32	Vihreät - De Gröna	39	replace	among the worst barbarians of human history. These atrocities cannot be	among the worst human rights violators in the recent history. These atrocities cannot be	
33	Swiss Greens	39-40	delete	These atrocities cannot be rationalised by pointing to atrocities that have been committed by Daesh or other groups.		As it is stated it cannot be rationalised... Therefore, no need to mention.

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34	ICV	43	replace	...peace requires justice....	... lasting peace requires transitional justice...	Seems important to highlight that a transitional justice approach (reparation; reconciliation; truth committees,...) seems a better way to ensure a lasting peace than just "justice".
35	EELV	43	add	Peace is not anonymous to justice; peace requires justice.	In this context, the EGP welcomes the announced Conference on Syria to be held in Brussels on April 5th 2017. The EGP expects the presence of the democratic oppositional forces inside and outside of Syria at this conference. Moreover, the EGP demands that the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Ms Frederica Mogherini, addressing all Syrian representatives, and particularly those of the Syrian government, strongly insists that no EU funds could be transferred as long as the due process of law has not been put into move all across the country. Without a due process of law, no peace process will last. Furthermore, under certain conditions, humanitarian aid can be provided through counterparts but not directly to the Assad regime. The same applies to direct reconstruction aid, as a majority of Syrians still live in camps in and outside of Syria. To make sure there is a total transparency as far as all funding is concerned, the EGP requests the European Commission to disclose precisely and totally not only all the counterparts, but also the way the Syrians manage those funds.	The upcoming conference in Brussel on April 5, 2017 offers the EGP an opportunity to reconfirm its standpoints on the presence of the democratic oppositional forces at the conference but also a chance to ask for a clarification on the EU counterparts of the managing of several billion euros

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36	Cyprus Greens	43	add		We call upon the Syrian government to release all political prisoners and prisoners detained without trial, especially those detained before 2012.	
37	GroenLinks	43	add	Peace is not antonymous to justice; peace requires justice.	If justice is our goal, then we cannot sit back and wait until the war comes to an end. We therefore welcome the UN resolution establishing the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism for Syria with the purpose of collecting evidence of the most serious crimes committed in Syria. We call on all European governments to secure sufficient funding for the Mechanism to be able to carry out its important tasks.	Speaks for itself
38	German Greens	43	replace	Peace is not antonymous to justice; peace requires justice.	While in the short term there is often tension between the demands of peace and of justice that must be navigated judiciously, in the long term the two depend on each other.	

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39	German Greens	44-47	replace	<p>We deplore the blockage of a referral by the UN Security Council to the International Criminal Court and we call for an EU coordinated accountability strategy towards the crimes committed in Syria, the creation of an ad-hoc Syrian war crimes tribunal and for the application of the principle of universal jurisdiction across national courts.</p>	<p>We deplore the blockage of a referral by the UN Security Council to the International Criminal Court. We sadly have to accept the fact that the blockage in the UN Security Council means that the path to bringing the crimes against humanity committed in Syria before an international court is at the moment blocked and that there is little hope that this will change soon.</p> <p>We therefore call for an EU coordinated accountability strategy towards the crimes committed in Syria by asking Europe's national governments to establish and strengthen the principle of universal jurisdiction across their national courts. The broader the principle is implemented in national courts, the narrower are the chances of Syrian individuals to get away with their crimes.</p>	

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40	Czech Greens	46	delete	10. We deplore the blockage of a referral by the UN Security Council to the International Criminal Court and we call for an EU coordinated accountability strategy towards the crimes committed in Syria the creation of an ad-hoc Syrian war crimes tribunal and for the application of the principle of universal jurisdiction across national courts.	10. We deplore the blockage of a referral by the UN Security Council to the International Criminal Court and we call for an EU coordinated accountability strategy towards the crimes committed in Syria and for the application of the principle of universal jurisdiction across national courts.	We are generally convinced that the time of ad hoc tribunals is over and the institution, which should carry these investigations systematically, is the ICC. Such a tribunal would likely come in the form of a hybrid court and include a mix of domestic and international prosecutors and judges, cost more, would be more prone to political manipulation ... When there is a block of the referral of the situation in Syria to the International Criminal Court, it is very likely that also the creation of the ad hoc tribunal will be blocked.
41	Vihreät - De Gröna	49	add	... in the streets of Berlin and Paris, and we firmly wish to see an end to this criminal group of mass	...in the streets of Berlin , Brussels, Istanbul and Paris, and we firmly wish to see an end to this criminal group of mass	
42	Cyprus Greens	49	replace	Berlin and Paris	of Europe and the US	Isis attacks have occurred in other areas besides Berlin and Paris
43	Groen	49-50	replace and add	and we firmly wish to see an end to this criminal group of mass murderers.	and we firmly wish to see the defeat of this criminal group of mass murderers, bringing perpetrators of war crimes to justice.	Make a stronger statement than just "seeing an end to"

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44	Cyprus Greens	50-51	delete	We stress, however, that Daesh represents, first and foremost, the consequence rather than the cause, of the convulsions in the Middle East.	Delete	Again, this comment tries to mitigate the atrocities and everything else that ISIS/Daesh represents. The tangle of issues that have led to the convulsions in the Middle East have a lot more to do with religion being inextricably connected to social positions and opportunities offered (more conservative religious groups led less prosperous lives, were more dependant on agrarian activities, less education opportunities for women create a vicious circle of misinformation and conservatism), as well as climate change consequences (a prolonged drought led many to even more poverty and hardship, always a precursor to disenchantment, rebellion but also radicalisation)rather than the way the Assad regime governed Syria.
45	ICV	51	replace	Fighting Daesh will be in vain unless	Fighting Daesh is not enough unless	the amendment seems to clarify better the need of both components: fighting daesh and addressing its foundations.
46	German Greens	52	replace	its foundations are addressed; these include sectarianism, marginalisation and discrimination	the foundations of its recruitment are addressed; these include sectarianism, marginalisation and discrimination	

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47	EELV	61	add new bullet point		Beyond, in the long run, the European Union will have to join the UN in organising and managing a substantial effort towards a post war state building process in Syria.	Self explanatory
48	Austrian Greens	68	add	... autocratic regimes.	We propose the European institutions and Member States to support education programs for Syrian refugee children to avoid a lost generation of kids in the region.	
49	Ecologist Greens	68	add		The EU-Turkey deal hasn't solved the refugees' issue, but only pushed the problems out of Europe's territory instead.	There must be a comment about the EU-Turkey deal that is unacceptable to us
50	Groen Links	70	add	...(including through humanitarian visa).	The EU member states should keep their promises made under the EU-Turkey Refugee deal to relocate the agreed number of 100.000 refugees from Greece and Italy. Until date a mere 10% of these people have been relocated. In addition to these numbers, the EU should relocate an additional number of (vulnerable) refugees, identified by UNHCR, to relieve refugee camps in the region and to provide for safe alternative routes to those of (often criminal) human smugglers.	