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EUROPEAN UNION RESOLUTION

concerning EU civil protection.

In application of article 151-7 of the Regulation, the resolution whose content is summarised below is hereby deemed to be definitive:

See number **4913**.

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Single article

The French National Assembly,

In view of article 88-4 of the Constitution,

In view of article 151-5 of the National Assembly Rules of Procedure,

In view of article 196 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

In view of Council Decision 2001/792/EC of 23 October 2001 establishing a Community mechanism to facilitate reinforced cooperation in civil protection assistance interventions,

In view of Regulation (EU) 2021/836 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism,

In view of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2093 of 17 December 2020 laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027,

Considering the increased risk of natural disasters, in particular due to climate disruption;

Considering the persistent nature of risks of anthropic origin pertaining to conflicts, acts of terrorism, and nuclear, radiological, biological, and chemical attacks;

Considering that the Covid-19 pandemic has illustrated the extent of disruption entailed by cross-border health risks, in particular pandemics;

Considering that civil protection provides a response in emergencies, irrespective of their origin, at local, national, and supranational level, and thus contributes to the preservation of French and European strategic interests;

Considering that the European Union's civil protection mechanism (UCPM) has been a remarkable success in a field that is a supporting competence, with Member States successfully pooling their resources for the benefit of communities impacted by crisis situations in Europe and worldwide;

Considering that knowledge-sharing backed by the specific expertise of Member States allows for better joint preparation for foreseeable and unforeseeable risks;

1. Welcomes the increase in funds allocated to civil protection as part of the 2021-2027 multiannual financial framework, reflecting a significant increase in the UCPM;

2. Encourages the Government to maintain France's high levels of participation in the volunteer civil protection reserve and in rescEU, a specific civil protection reserve managed by the European Union;

3. Invites the French presidency of the Council of the European Union to promote the particularities of volunteer service and informal volunteering to strengthen grassroots participation in civil protection;

4. Asks the French Government to strengthen the procedures for training in life-saving techniques, adjusting school curricula to provide better acculturation to risks and incorporating a requirement to validate a 'prevention and civil rescue' certificate;

5. Invites the terms of operation of volunteer fire and rescue workers in France to be adjusted to ensure they comply with EU law;

6. Intends to ensure that the decrees of application of French Law no. 2021-1520 of 25 November 2021 to consolidate our model of civil security and enhance the formal volunteer status of fire and rescue workers alongside professional fire and rescue workers are adopted, in particular the experimentation of a single emergency telephone number;

7. Wishes the European Commission to pursue enhanced diversification and greater commitment on the part of the rescEU reserve, since this constitutes a valuable resource to prepare for future crises by diversifying the storage of materials and enriching nuclear disaster response capacities;

8. Takes the view that the creation of a European civil protection force as a complementary resource alongside national forces is a natural extension of the pooling of materials and know-how;

9. Recommends that UCPM actions should be highlighted, in particular at specific events to be held during the course of France's presidency of the Council of the European Union, by means of proactive communication by the European Commission and the Presidency of the Council of the European Union;

10. In view of the unprecedented increase in the number of demands made on the UCPM and the diversification of crisis response missions, suggests that part of DG ECHO should be redirected towards becoming a European agency dedicated to civil protection.

Paris, 9 March 2022.

The President,
Signature: RICHARD FERRAND



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