

SUMMARY
of the Opinion “Towards the World Humanitarian Summit: A global partnership for
principled and effective humanitarian action”
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The Chamber of Deputies:

- Welcomes the proposal of the European Commission aiming at reconfirming the common basic humanitarian principles – dignity, integrity and solidarity, the observance of the obligations imposed by the international humanitarian law and the commitment to separate humanitarian actions from the political agendas.
- Appreciates the concern of the European Union and of its Member States - as main donors of humanitarian aid - towards the problems which affect the life of million of people and towards identifying the solutions for diminishing the consequences of the natural disasters as a result of the climatic changes and the major tendencies in this field. It must be underlined that the humanitarian system must cope with the challenge regarding an increased aid for a greater number of persons, which also involves higher costs.
- Supports this proposal as it considers that, in the circumstances of the current refugees’ crisis, the humanitarian system which exists at present does not satisfy the expectations as to the leadership, coordination and responsibility while the World Humanitarian Summit can influence and modify the current work modalities in the humanitarian field, so that to better support the persons in need.
- Considers that The World Humanitarian Summit must recognize and support the diversity of humanitarian actors, meanwhile reconfirming the humanitarian principles and approaching the existing shortcomings regarding humanitarian actions. At the end of the Summit, a final document will have to be drawn up which should include a set of mutual commitments aiming at rendering efficient the international humanitarian response, based on an implementation plan which should also include the recommendations which resulted from the consultative process.
- Draws however the attention upon some aspects, such as: redesigning the international humanitarian system; allotting suitable funds to the states which are the source of the refugees wave in order to eliminate the causes of this phenomenon; assuring the safety of persons who find themselves in the conflict areas; facilitating, at the national level, a common view on the problems, risks and action opportunities; fostering new partnerships and promoting solutions which should take into consideration the causes of the humanitarian crisis (the pre-existing vulnerabilities). That is why the Chamber of Deputies considers that the outcomes of future Summit should reassert the universality and the relevance of the fundamental principles of the humanitarian action, strengthening the central role of the protection need, by

encouraging the private sector, by consolidating the local capacity of the intervention staff, by prioritizing the private sector, by also prioritizing the protection reasons within the humanitarian response and by involving the affected persons in the process of humanitarian decision and by finding ways to finance the humanitarian sector in a predictable suitable way.

- Supports the consolidation of the application of the humanitarian international law and in order to stress upon this aspect, Romania will build a side-event at the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent of December 2015, on the subject of the voluntariate applied to this field. At the same time, Romania will promote its national good practices – the transit Centre for refugees in Timisoara and the emergency medical assistance, by means of the Mobile Emergency Service (SMURD).