



Member of the European parliament

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Dear President,

I am writing to urge you to step up efforts to improve the grave situation of civilians in Syria, most urgently in the city of Aleppo which is currently undergoing a massive military offensive.

We cannot wait to see whether the reported talks between Russia and the Syrian opposition in Turkey bring an end to the fighting in Aleppo. The leaders of the European Union and its Member States must urgently deal with Russia in order to at least facilitate a ceasefire in order to allow people to flee the city, as well as to ensure an evacuation of the sick and wounded and finally to let aid deliveries arrive.

As a former diplomat and EU observer in the former Yugoslavia I know it is much easier said than done. At the same time I am convinced that eventual results are proportionate to the efforts made.

Children and others starving and on the brink of death in Aleppo will not get a second chance. Neither will the EU project, especially if under the current power vacuum and future uncertainty in the US we are not able to act in order to safeguard and project our values.

Yours sincerely,

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