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Open Letter of the Members of the European Parliament

Call for the humanitarian corridor to Mariupol without any delay

The situation in Mariupol is the closest to the worst-case scenario among others atrocities in Ukraine. It is a place of unthinkable human suffering. More than 2000 people have been already killed. The city has been hit by more than 100 bombs destroying buildings, including hospitals. There is no electricity, and people are running low on food and water. Moreover, the agreed humanitarian corridors have, up to now, failed. We believe it is essential to act now and stop the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

We, the undersigned Member of the European Parliament, call for the EU and the Member states to create an effective and fast humanitarian corridor protected by **a limited no-fly zone**. Complementary action is to set up **humanitarian aid flights** through designated and **secured air corridors**. This action would allow supplying food, equipment, and rescuing refugees from the war zone.

Establishing a limited no-fly zone over these humanitarian corridors is primarily a humanitarian decision, not a military one. This decision can be achieved by an official invitation by the Ukraine president and cannot be considered as an act of war. It does not mean direct involvement of the NATO members and the members of the EU into a warfare. This would be a sole act of humanitarian aid.

Yours sincerely,

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