67th session of the United Nations General Assembly. Recommendation to the Council

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Pursuant to Rule 121(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, Alexander GRAF LAMBSDORFF (ALDE, DE), tabled a proposal for a recommendation to the Council, on behalf of the ALDE Group, on the 67th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The proposed recommendation recalls that:

- under the guidance of the Vice-President//High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) and as a result of close cooperation between the EEAS, the EU Delegation in New York and Member States' Permanent Representations, the EU won support on Resolution 65 /276 concerning the modalities for the **EU's participation in the work of the UN General Assembly**;
- the EU Member States undertook commitments in the UNHRC's institution-building package and the outcome of the review process.

In this context, it addresses the following recommendations to the Council:

The EU at the UN: it suggests:

- learning the lessons from the consultation process leading to the successful adoption of the resolution on the EU's participation in the work of the UNGA, which has enhanced the EU's observer status at the UNGA;
- using it as a model for the realisation of future strategic ambitions in European external action and to further enhance the EU's profile globally.

</RepeatBlock-By>**The situation in the Middle East**: it is proposed to work towards finding multilateral solutions to ongoing and potential violent conflicts in the Middle East and to specifically address the worrying nuclear proliferation developments in the region.

The Universal Periodic Review: it is proposed to improve the implementation of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) recommendation by providing technical assistance; to enhance the profile of the UPR process by systematically emphasising the importance of human rights and by incorporating its recommendations in its dealings with UN member states.