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APPG (29.01.2016) - On January 27 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (Strasbourg) adopted, almost unanimously, a resolution recognising that "individuals who act in the name of the terrorist entity which calls itself Da'ish" "have perpetrated acts of genocide and other serious crimes punishable under international law." In this resolution, the Assembly continues "States should act on the presumption that Da'ish [i.e. ISIS] commits genocide and should be aware that this entails action under the 1948 United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide" (§2). The Assembly also "recalls that under international law States have a positive obligation to prevent genocide, and thus should do their utmost to prevent their own nationals from taking part in such acts" (§ 3). The Assembly calls on its 47 Member States as well as on its observer and partner's States (including Mediterranean States) to, inter alia, "fulfil their positive obligations under the 1948 United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide by taking all necessary measures to prevent genocide".

See the resolution at: <http://bit.ly/20x9DV5>
