



RESOLUTION:

Stop Repressions in Belarus

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Recognizing that:

- The mass protests of Belarusian citizens have taken place in all regions of Belarus in February-march 2017. It was a peaceful demonstration which was the reaction of citizens against injustice law, by this law every official unemployed must pay about 200 euros to state.
- The government's response to social protests has been massive repression, manifested in arrests, penalties, imprisonment, and pressure at work and study places. Repressions touched upon all active participants in the protests: politicians, democratic activists, citizens, representatives of the mass media and human rights defenders.
- The dispersal of the peaceful demonstration organized by the citizens of Belarus on March 25, dedicated to the proclamation of the independence of the Belarusian People's Republic (Freedom's day) was accompanied by mass arrests, beatings and preventive detentions of citizens. The total number of detainees was about 1,000, most of whom were sentenced to penalties and various prison judgment. There were many photos and videos in mass media and Internet, which can show that against peaceful citizens police used the rude power. Also we have facts of the necessity of the medicine help for many participants of the peaceful demonstration.
- The mass arrests started in Belarus from March 12, 2017 and acts for this day. The political-motivated process act in courts now, many political activists are in prison now.
- By the official information of the human-rights center "Viasna" 958 people were repressed. 267 people from them have got the administrative arrest on term from 5 to 20 days, 72 people should pay administrative penalties and 14 people are in prison now by the fabricated criminal case "The process of patriots". More than 605 persons were arrested on terms from 2 to 10 hours without any reasons and after that they have become free also without any explanations.

Acknowledging that:

- Freedom of peaceful meeting, like the principle of respect for human rights and freedoms, democracy and the rule of law, is an integral part of the common European values established in its relation to human rights and the Charter.
- The suppression of civil society in Belarus by the authorities leads to the strengthening of the authoritarian regime, makes impossible the building of the democracy and constitutional state, violates human rights.
- The mass repressions testify to the unwillingness of the leadership of Belarus to develop a dialogue with the United Europe, because dialogue becomes impossible with a country in which human rights are massively violated.

YEPP calls on:

- European Parliament to condemn the repressions in Belarus and to make a dialog with official Minsk about the guarantee freedom of peaceful protests, meetings, demonstrations and meetings to Belarusian citizens as the condition of the future partnership between Belarus and European Union.
- The European Commission to improve the observation for the situation with human rights and political situation in Belarus.
- European states to call the authorities of Belarus to release and rehabilitate all ex-political prisoners.
- European states to call the authorities of Belarus to stop reprisals against citizens in the form of arrests, drafting protocols, pressure at the place of residence, work and study immediately.
- European states to call the authorities of Belarus to bring to justice those people, who involved in unlawful detentions and repressions against activists, including courts, police officers and special forces.