



Resolution 20 Years of Peaceful Revolution in Central and Eastern Europe

Recognising:

- the courageous and peaceful effort of Central and Eastern European peoples to raise their voice against totalitarian and communist regimes
- the role played by Polish Solidarność as an impulse for destroying Communist regimes and suffering from years of martial law in resisting totalitarian rule
- Hungary in eroding the communist system and the Iron Curtain
- the crucial contribution of the democratic revolution to the dissolution of the Soviet Union and its imperial hold on the nations of Central and Eastern Europe claiming their right to self-determination and sovereignty
- that the fall of the iron curtain enabled the vision of an integrated European Union throughout our continent which is not being divided along ideological and geopolitical cleavages
- that only Europe as a whole, based on trustful und cooperative relations guarantees a free, peaceful, secure and prosperous future for the nations of our continent

Considering:

- that 20 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall as the main symbol of the iron curtain it is necessary to commemorate the historical legacy of totalitarianism and communist ideology with special attention
- the fact that extremist political forces hostile towards democratic principles try to regain power in various European states
- especially the political situation in Belarus which is still governed by a regime that continuously violates fundamental human rights and denies its people freedom and democracy

- that the European Union is the indispensable instrument to facilitate political reforms and stability in those countries and regions still suffering from decades of communist mismanagement

YEPP calls on the EPP and all its member organisations:

- to maintain a vital remembrance of the catastrophic effects that communist rule has brought over Central and Eastern Europe
- to continue their valuable work for freedom and democracy and against any form of totalitarianism and antidemocratic ideologies throughout Europe
- to abstain from any form of political coalitions and cooperation with extremist parties who follow totalitarian ideologies
- to boost their support for the democratic opposition and our partner organizations in Belarus
- to contribute to the success of the European Union as a facilitator of political reform, progress and stability in all former communist countries
- to establish a European research centre the aim of which would be to collect, assess and publish information on criminal acts of the communist regimes
- to make all files public that are related to communist crimes with special regard to the activity of secret services and political police

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