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Emergency Resolution: Current situation in Ukraine

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Ukraine is a priority partner country for the EU and as a European Country should have a perspective of full integration into the EU. On the brink of a new Association Agreement (AA), that has the potential to significantly move Ukraine closer to the European Union, Ukrainian authorities show negative tendencies of developments with regards to political freedoms, the rule of law and the state of democracy in Ukraine.

The Youth of the European People's Party stands by the position that this must have serious negative consequences for Ukraine's future relationship with the European Union and for the Association Agreement (AA); it pushes the country further away from the European perspective.

Therefore, the Youth of the European Peoples Party:

- i) recalls that the Ukrainian state leadership, including President Yanukovich, has repeatedly expressed its commitment to European values and the integration processes with an ambition to become an EU Member State in the long-term;
- ii) highlights the personal responsibility of Mr. Yanukovich to deliver on his multiple promises given to international and European partners regarding respect of human rights and rule of law;
- iii) deplores the ongoing decline of democracy and rule of law, as well as the continuing practice of the political instrumentalisation of state institutions, which was demonstrated by sentencing the former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and harassment of other politicians, like Yevgeny Suslov, Member of the Ukrainian Parliament and young leader of Batkivshina Moloda.
- iv) recalls that the trial of Yulia Tymoshenko was politically motivated and did not respect international standards;
- v) condemns the decision of Kiev's Shevchenkivsky court to directly conduct proceedings in the prison cell of Yulia Tymoshenko, despite her critical health conditions, and against any democratic legal standards;
- vi) warns that no future elections in Ukraine could be regarded as free and fair, if leaders of the

opposition, most notably Yulia Tymoshenko and Yuriy Lutsenko, are not released; therefore demands from Ukrainian authorities the unconditional release of Yulia Tymoshenko, along with other leading members of opposition, their full political rehabilitation, including their right to participate fully in the political process, both as of now and in the forthcoming elections in Ukraine in 2012;

vii) urges the EU that the document of the already concluded negotiations concerning the Association Agreement should be initiated in December 2011; calls on the EU that the signature and ratification of the Association Agreement should be declined if standards of democracy and rule of law are not met.