

Resolution:
A Unified European Voice in International Institutions

Adopted by the YEPP Council in Skopje on December 4, 2010.¹

Recognizing:

- That presidency of the G20 and G8 will be held in 2011 by a European member state and that crucial issues as financial and monetary regulation will be discussed;
- The need for the European Union to be represented also as a whole entity and no longer only as a set of countries;
- The need to strengthen and legitimate its major role in international affairs, especially within international institutions such as the United Nations, the WTO, the IMF, the G20 and G8.

Acknowledging:

- That European Union has now the ability to do so thanks to the Lisbon Treaty which created the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs, the European Diplomatic Service and the permanent President of the Council;
- That divisions between EU Members at great gatherings such as the G20 or the G8 would discredit our Union to the other nations;
- That European economies have common interests, particularly in recovering rapidly from the past world economic crisis and securing a strong position on the currency markets;
- That being represented by one voice and no longer by 27 is a major challenge for the European Union's future.

YEPP calls on:

- The Representatives of the EU to seek without respite a common position that rallies every EU member on each important international concern;
- The European Union member states to pursue a permanent seat for the European Union at the reformed United Nations Security Council;

¹ Due to a lack of quorum at the Skopje Council Meeting final approval will be in YEPP's next Council Meeting in Caserta on February 5, 2011.

- The European member states and the European institutions to speak with a united voice at the upcoming G20 and G8 summits.