



RESOLUTION:

Visa Liberalization for Ukrainians Citizens

Adopted at the YEPP Council of Presidents, Vienna, Austria on the 8th of October 2016

Recognizing:

- The European choice of Ukraine, declared during the Revolution of Dignity in 2013-2014. There were near 130 identified deaths, named the Heavenly Hundred.
- Ukraine has met all the benchmarks set out in the Visa Liberalization Action Plan, and therefore fulfils the criteria for its citizens to be exempted from the visa requirement when travelling to the territory of the European Union.
- The necessity of supporting Ukraine in undeclared military aggression of Russian Federation.

Acknowledging:

- The sixth Commission Progress Report, declared on December 18, 2015 in Brussels, "The Commission considers that Ukraine meets all the benchmarks set in respect of the four blocks of the second phase of the VLAP".¹
- Official proposition of the European Commission regarding visa liberalization for Ukraine (a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2015/EN/1-2015-905-EN-F1-1.PDF>

exempt from that requirement (Ukraine) (COM(2016)0236 – C8-0150/2016) – 2016/0125(COD))², published on April 20, 2016.

- Conclusion of the Committee on Foreign Affairs for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from requirement (Ukraine) (COM(2016)0236 – C8-0150/2016 – 2016/0125(COD)): “Visa-free regime should be granted to Ukraine as soon as possible and without any further delays, in recognition of the progress the country has achieved on its European path since the EuroMaidan protests two years ago, where the Ukrainian nation fought for its European choice and European democratic values”.³
- On Monday, September 26, 2016 the European Parliament’s Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs supported a report and draft resolution on granting Ukraine a visa-free regime with the European Union.

YEPP calls on:

- European Parliament to adopt approval of the official proposition of the European Commission regarding visa liberalization for Ukraine.
- Council of the European Union to examine and approve the draft amendments to the regulations regarding no-visa regime for citizens of Ukraine.
- EPP Group in European Parliament to support a final voting in favour of cancellation visa for Ukrainian citizens.

² <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2016/EN/1-2016-236-EN-F1-1.PDF>

³ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=->

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