YEPP Resolution:

"Back to Parliamentary Democracy in Albania!"

Recognizing that:

- there is a tense political situation between the Albanian government of Sali Berisha elected through free elections and the Socialist opposition of Edi Rama in Tirana during the last days.
- the stability of the current Albanian government is crucial the country's EU ambitions.

YEPP welcomes:

- the convincing efforts by the governing Democratic Party and Prime Minister Sali Berisha to meet the political criteria necessary for presenting Albania as an reliable aspirant to EU membership.
- the visible progress of political reform in Albania in accord with the European Union's Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) which entered into force in 2009.
- the results of recent polls showing that the vast majority of Albanian citizens are in favour of taking part in the European integration process.
- Albania's contribution to the Euro-Atlantic security community as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

YEPP encourages:

- the Albanian government to stick to its reform process in the face of fierce resistance mainly organized by the Socialist opposition.

YEPP calls:

- on the Albanian opposition to recognize the results of the 2009 democratic election and to refrain from any further political escalation. All political forces are asked to find a lasting solution to this lingering political deadlock.
- for an independent investigation after January the 21st and we hail Prime Minister Berisha's request for international assistance.
- on the EU member states to support the current Albanian governments reform policy aiming to obtain candidate status for EU membership.

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