



## **YEPP Resolution: A Marshall Plan for North Africa**

### **Recognizing that:**

- The ongoing turmoil in North Africa and in the Middle East is a phenomenon of historical significance that should be welcomed as a courageous effort by the people of Egypt, Tunisia, and Libya to achieve freedom and democracy.
- The North African region is Europe's backyard and the Northern African countries are all involved in the European Neighbourhood policy.
- The situation in Northern Africa directly impacts the European Union, particularly in regard to the flow of immigrants that are already reaching the southern European countries.

### **Acknowledging that:**

- The European Union recognizes the interconnection of the concepts of development and security and commits itself to promote its core values, rule of law, democracy, prosperity, stability, subsidiarity, security and peace, in the neighbouring countries.
- There is a responsibility of the European Union to have an active role in accompanying the transition of these countries to democracy, also in order to avoid the spread of extremism within them.

### **YEPP calls on:**

- The European Union to endorse a Marshall plan for Africa, starting from the promotion of small businesses also through joint ventures, and envisioning the appointing of an African responsible for the development of the small businesses network.
- The European Commission to support the elaboration of an Euro Mediterranean Small Business Act on the model of the European Small Business Act, tailored on the peculiarities of the African continent, from natural resources to agriculture and tourism, and in support of the young African entrepreneurs.
- The Union for Mediterranean to make development of SME in North Africa one of its priorities.
- The EU to provide support to African countries in implementing democracy and the rule of law.

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