



## **YEPP Resolution: A call towards peaceful transition to democracy in Egypt**

### **Recognizing:**

- That the events brought about in Egypt are a result of what the Egyptians say are high food prices and a high rate of unemployment;
- That the events in Tunisia brought about by similar economic hardships, which led to the ousted Ben Ali, have partially though significantly impacted on the initiation of the nation-wide protests in Egypt;
- That the Egyptian revolts have been initiated through several young men setting themselves ablaze, an expression of ultimate desperation of their quality of life;
- That internet and mobile messaging services were cut off and interrupted in what appeared to be an attempt by the authorities to diminish the possible spread of widespread public demonstrations;

### **Acknowledging:**

- The claims made through past years by Opposition leaders to have been refused to participate freely and fairly in democratic elections;
- The calls made by Opposition groups on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 to take to the streets and protest peacefully against the prevailing poor quality of life;
- That some demonstrators and police authorities alike have departed from the meaning of peaceful demonstrations and resorted to violence, which has led to numerous loss of lives;
- That President Mubarak's address to the nation of 1 February claimed that he will not seek re-election, ending his 30-year presidency;
- That in spite of the fact that the EU has been very cautious in its stance and position as expressed through the High Representative, and that particular attention should be given towards refraining from imposing or been seen to interfering with the natural path being taken by the Egyptian people;
- That the executive members of the National Democratic Party have resigned en masse and that President Mubarak has accepted their resignation.

### **YEPP calls on:**

- President Mubarak to listen, respect and seek to implement effective solutions to the democratic aspirations and difficulties of the Egyptian people, without further delay;

- President Mubarak to embark on the necessary reforms necessary to pave the way for legislative and presidential elections in 9 months time, and in particular, to refrain from hindering full political participation by any Egyptian citizen or political party;
- The Egyptian authorities, in particular the police forces and the army, to refrain unless absolutely necessary the use of force, and to allow the Egyptians to exercise their fundamental rights to protest peacefully;
- All Egyptian people pertaining to all quarters of the political divide to refrain from using violence as their tool to demonstrate their grievances; The Egyptian authorities to stop using violence against journalists and to respect the freedom of the press.
- The Egyptian authorities responsible for the communications networks and internet service providers to restore access without further delay and recognize that access to internet and communication media is a basic human right;
- The European Union to provide immediate assistance, in particular that related to electoral preparation, observation and monitoring, should this be requested by the Egyptian authorities;
- President Mubarak to follow the example set by the members of the executive committee of the National Democratic Party and resign from his position as President of Egypt.

*Adopted by the YEPP Council in Caserta on February 5, 2011.*