



Adopted RESOLUTION

On a Comprehensive European Policy for the Middle East

Given, that the goal, for which the European experiment was founded, peace in the European continent, has:

- ▶ succeeded for more than 50 years

- ▶ succeeded only in the Union territory

Considering that,

▶ several problems, which the EU, is faced with (illegal immigration, asylum seeking, xenophobia, racism etc), are related with the long lasting disputes in the Middle East.

▶ 11 years after the adoption of the Barcelona Process and after the application of the European Neighbourhood policy, a successful European Democracy – promotion policy, is far from assured.

▶ the long lasting political problems in the Middle East, continue being a threat to the international peace and security

▶ during the past months, we have witnessed the war and destruction in Lebanon, the escalation of violence and the suffering of thousands of civilians

▶ The Treaty of the European Union, title I, article 17, which states that, *“The Union shall....to assert its identity on the international scene, in particular through the implementation of a Common Foreign and Security Policy.....”*

We, the Youth of the European Peoples Party, call:

- ▶ For the EU, to promote the nations of the Middle Eastern area, to build a better future.

- ▶ For the EU, to be active, constructive and supportive, in trying to ensure, that the post conflict era is one of peace and not of confrontation in the Middle East.

- ▶ that the EU, must strengthen, dialogue and cooperation, in the framework of Barcelona process, regarding issues of European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP).

- ▶ That under the present circumstances, it is essential to place an emphasis on deepening the Barcelona Process and improving its working methods. An issue, that will probably be on the agenda of Euro-Mediterranean Foreign Ministers Council at Tampere, 27–28/11/2006.

- ▶ That the EU, must play a more constructive role in the Israeli – Palestinian conflict. The peaceful resolution of this conflict is the key of achieving a sustainable peace in the whole Middle Eastern area, the backyard of Europe. The EU and its member states, must observe the implementation of the Road Map, which is the advisable method, which can lead the bloodstained Middle – Eastern area to a viable solution.

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