

<u>Resolution</u> "Opportunities for the young generation in Belarus"

5 Acknowledging that:

the regime in Belarus continues to hinder the self-development of the young generation in Belarus politically, socially, educationally, religiously and economically in purely soviet manner, in particular by:

- disregarding human rights such as freedom of expression, association and assembly;
- oppressing political pluralism, repressing and intimidating political activists, threatening them, among other things, with lay offs from their work or expelling from educational institutions as well as imprisonment;
- closing down or restricting the activities of foreign foundations, educational institutions and research centres;
- restricting the freedom of movement for all young people;
- ignoring the freedom of religion;
- hindering Belarusian population to benefit from a market economy in favour to centrally planned economy.

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The Youth of the European People's Party urges the Belarusian authorities to:

- secure all international human right standards and stop ignoring resolutions of UN human rights bodies, especially having in mind the fact that Belarus is a founding member of the UN;
- provide all Belarusian citizens with an opportunity to express their political views and to engage in politics without the fear of the repressions from the state;
- release all political prisoners;
- stop all types of intimidation on political activists on made up reasons;
- support the development of free civil society;

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- enable Belarusian citizens to have free choice to study or work despite of their political views;
- create normal conditions for foreign scientific, educational, cultural, social und political institutions to work in Belarus;
- abolish any restrictions for Belarusians to travel abroad and stop to use the introduction of *persona non grata* status for the foreigners as a tool to keep them away from supporting pro-democratic forces in Belarus;
 - stop oppressing non-Orthodox religions and guarantee religious freedom;
 - set up the prerequisites for transforming the economic system into a market economy;
 - offer equal opportunities for all young Belarusians.

The Youth of the European People's Party encourages the Youth of Belarus to:

- stand up self confidently and united for freedom, democracy and pluralism;
 - use the opportunities of self-developing in politics, society, education, religion and economy;
 - take the opportunity to express its opinion by participating in parliamentarian elections on September 28th.

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