



Resolution on the Presidential Elections in Ukraine

Recognising

- The genuine efforts of a majority of Ukrainians to establish a workable, institutionalised and lasting democracy in their state.
- The outcome of forthcoming presidential elections and the findings of the international community regarding the way the elections have been held as a vivid demonstration of Ukraine's direction to follow the European standards and values.

Believing

- As a Christian democratic and Conservative youth organisations in the principles of democracy, rule of law and parity of esteem being of paramount importance in political discourse, as well as the import of the confident participation of civil society in any democracy.

The Youth of the European People's Party calls on:

1. The Ukrainian authorities:

to satisfy the calls, both domestic and international, for ensuring free, fair and transparent elections and mainly sufficient election monitoring which can conduct itself unimpeded during the campaign and on polling day.

- to stop the practice of civil servant participation in the campaign, the use of administrative resources and the use of public resources for the purpose of campaigning;
- to stop the practice of sending the instructions from the Administration of President to TV-channels and the manipulation of information;
- to provide an equal and impartial access to the media for all candidates;
- to provide an equal opportunities to vote for Ukrainian citizens living abroad and to create enough polling stations abroad.

2. The government of Ukraine to establish a greater culture of judicial independence as well as greater objectivity and impartiality on the part of the public administration.

3. The freedom of media, as the hallmark of any developed democracy, to be respected by all authorities in Ukraine so as to ensure freedom of speech and not undermine voter confidence at election time.

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