

Draft resolution

A Fair Chance for Young Citizens Everywhere!

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Considering

1. that young people worldwide have the fundamental right to receive adequate chances for a start into their own self-determined adult lives;
2. that chances for young people worldwide are distributed very unequally;
3. that basic education is a prerequisite for young people to become responsible citizens and build free and democratic societies;
4. that drug use, juvenile crime and spreading diseases deprive young people of their perspectives for the future; and
5. that a comprehensive approach towards an effective international youth policy can alleviate most of these problems;

the Congress of the Youth of the European People's Party, call upon the EPP heads of government, EPP Commission members and the EPP/ED group in the European Parliament

1. to consider young people's chances and perspectives, and especially their right towards a life free of both fear of want and fear of need, in all development policy-related decisions;
2. to emphasize the high significance of the principles of good governance to achieve these afore-mentioned goals in pursuing their development policies;
3. to urge the governments of developing countries to constantly evaluate their policies in respect to young people's chances and perspectives;
4. to make education an absolute priority in development policy and allocate the amount necessary to guarantee every child worldwide four years of primary education through a shift of funds from other, less important projects, and to initiate a coordinated international effort to achieve that goal;
5. to urge developing countries to give young people a chance for participation in solving youth-related problems and to enable them to express their own culture, and to strengthen independent youth-related civil-society organisations, especially on the local level, and to give these organisations a voice in the nation decision-making process;
6. to link payments of official development aid to the building of effective structures to combat drug use and trafficking in developing countries;

7. to initiate an effective approach together with developing countries and medical research to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and to supply sufficient medication in a cost-effective way without harming research, and to assist developing countries in making strong efforts in education to protect young people against HIV/AIDS, including the availability of condoms;
8. to urge the governments of developing countries to sign, ratify and comply with the optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict without further delay;
9. to urge developing countries to guarantee the right of free access to information and communications technology especially for young people;
10. to assist developing countries in strengthening the availability of adequate sports infrastructure for young people;
11. to urge the United Nations to include young people in decision making in local projects, instead of concentrating on ineffective yet public ways of youth participation; and
12. to induce the European Commission to appropriate and disburse funds for international youth exchange programs in an un-bureaucratic and speedy way in order to facilitate applications by volunteers.