



## **Resolution on Libya**

*Adopted in Council Meeting, Turku (Finland), 15 May 2004*

YEPP welcomes Libya's moves towards a healthier relationship with the International Community

**Recalling** the YEPP Seminar convened in Malta entitled "*The Mediterranean in an Enlarged European Union*" having adopted a resolution showing YEPP's interests in Libya's current progress in favour a constructive dialogue with the International Community.

**Believing** that positive Euro-Mediterranean relations contribute to stability in the Mediterranean region, creating benefits of a Political, Economical and Cultural nature.

**Noting** that whilst good-will has been shown by the Libyan government towards the improvement of relations with Europe, there are still a number of issues which are pending to be solved. We express reservations over current undemocratic practices within Libya. These issues depend on the willingness of the Libyan government to enter into further, more desirable relations with Europe. These relationships should be built upon the values that Europe stands for. In particular we express our preoccupation over Libya's recent decision to impose the death penalty on several citizens of European countries.

YEPP welcomes Libya's recent opposition to terrorist attacks against the Western World and its denunciation of Weapons of Mass Destruction. Such has created a scenario moving towards the opening up of trade with Libya which will help create more stability in the region.

Whilst accepting such, YEPP also welcomes the contribution given by the International Community, namely the European Union (EU) and the United States of America, in the improvement of such dialogue.

YEPP encourages Libya to continue its move towards a healthier relationship with the International Community by adhering to democratic principles and the rule of law.

YEPP hopes that following the EU's enlargement towards the Mediterranean, the Euro-Mediterranean dialogue will increase in its importance, and we hope that Libya would be in a position to participate actively in this process.