

**Resolution**

**“Protect human dignity”**

Considering that the deliberate killing of persons who are dying cannot be brought in line with our conception of human beings and their inalienable dignity,

5 the Youth of the European People's Party opposes active euthanasia meaning the active and deliberate killing of a person still capable to live, with or without her active consent. We therefore oppose its legalization and reject all proposals to create or broaden access to active euthanasia and in particular to morally and practically banalize euthanasia by the use of so-called euthanasia machines.

The Youth of the European People's Party urges:

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- that every person dying has the support from society,
  - that the wish of patients to die should be accorded to only as a last step by passive euthanasia for reasons of charity in obvious and terminal situations of lethal illness which means to eventually and in accordance with the patient and his closest relatives to end intensive and life-prolonging medical treatment,

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  - that palliative care and pain therapy are made available in all places to meet the exigencies of dying humanly.

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