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Strategies for Combating Terrorism in Europe

- The nature of violence and aggression has changed substantially during the 20th century, no less so in Europe. While European integration has brought an end to the traditional territorial wars which devastated Europe for centuries, many peoples throughout our continent still suffer the effects of needless bloodshed and terrorism.
- Terrorists and the organisations and associations connected with these activities are extremely negative forces in societies and communities. They stifle democracy at all levels and fail to recognise the centrality of human dignity.

The Youth of the European People Party meeting in Congress in Stockholm;

- Confirming our full support for democracy and the rule of law, a founding value of YEPP, as well as our abhorrence of the use of terrorism to achieve political change;
- Noting the continuation of violent terrorist activities by ETA throughout the period of its supposed 'ceasefire'; ETA's legacy of death and destruction has continued and the Madrid Airport bombing of 2006 was further evidence of ETA's determination to utilise violence as part of their political strategy.
- Believing that there is 'no-one size fits all' way in which to combat terrorist organisations and their crimes. The features, factors and causes of terrorist activity in each country and within each region are different and the roadmaps for building peace in each case must therefore be assessed differently.
- Endorses and fully supports the resolutions of the EPP on March 23rd, September 19th and October 19th 2006 and the consistent position maintained by the Partido Popular relating to the negotiations by the Spanish government with the terrorist organisation ETA;
- Acknowledges the consistent priority which the Partido Popular have

afforded the victims of ETA terrorist attacks and the belief in obtaining justice for these victims and their families.

- Believes it is not acceptable to pay any political price for the cessation of violence, and condemns those who are prepared to do so. Processes toward reconciliation will only be damaged if terrorists retain weapons while negotiating with democrats.
- Demands the complete end to all terrorist activity by ETA, the immediate decommissioning of all ETA's weaponry, and ETA's disbandment. This can be the only acceptable roadmap for peace and reconciliation in the region.