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## RESOLUTION

### **Vote of condemnation - Sharing of demonstrators' data with the Russian embassy**

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The municipality of Lisbon shared personal data, including names, addresses and contact details of three Russian demonstrators who took part in a protest in January outside the Russian embassy in Lisbon to release Alexey Navalny, an opponent of the Putin-led government. The Portuguese government had known since March that this had happened. As well as the Russian embassy, the municipality of Lisbon also shared data on demonstrators with the embassies of Israel, China and Venezuela.

#### **Considering that:**

- The right to demonstrate is a fundamental and acquired right that should be cherished, valued and preserved in Democratic Societies;
- Russia is an authoritarian country and a threat to European values, whose leader Vladimir Putin does everything to annihilate possible opponents and people who disagree with his policies, as has been seen with Alexey Navalny
- The data of people who were demonstrating in favor of Alexey Navalny should be specially 20 protected;
- This was a severe breach of the demonstrators' individual freedoms
- The EU should unequivocally defend human rights and should condemn any attacks and violations of citizens' rights, freedoms and guarantees
- The municipality of Lisbon directly put at risk the safety of these demonstrators;

YEPP strongly condemns this action by the Municipality of Lisbon, whose President is mainly responsible, who chose to hand over activists' data to a dictator and put at risk the security and life of these demonstrators, instead of choosing the Rule of Law, Democracy and the safeguard of their rights.