

"Strengthening Democracy in Europe!"

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The Youth of the European People`s Party continues to follow events in Ukraine closely and with great concern. The International Election Observer Mission led by the OSCE has concluded that the Presidential elections held in Ukraine on 21 November were flawed. On this basis we cannot accept that the process was either free or fair.

In any democratic election, the decision itself is one for the voters concerned alone. But the international community has a clear right and responsibility to ensure that the process is a fair one, and that the outcome reflects the will of the people. This is why we call upon the Ukrainian authorities to respect the democratic will of the majority of voters.

The hope of all of us must be for a peaceful and democratic solution to the present crisis. We welcome the efforts of the EU High Representative Javier Solana and the Dutch Presidency to this end.

We send a clear message to all those in Ukraine, Belarus and other parts of the continent who still have not understood that times have changed: There is no place for betrayal, intimidation and undemocratic behaviour in 21st century Europe. Young Europeans all across Europe long for democracy and are ready to stand up for their democratic rights.

YEPP shows solidarity with its partner and member organisations all across Europe which fight for democracy with peaceful means.