



## Adopted Resolution

### Resolution on Belarus

The PES Congress, gathered in Porto, on 7-8 December 2006, expresses its deep concerns with the current situation in Belarus and the permanent violation of democratic principles, legality and Human rights.

The PES calls upon the regime of Alexander Lukashenko to stop immediately the harassment and persecution of the democratic opposition, as well as some organisations of national minorities AND NGO's, and to respect the civil rights and liberties of all citizens in Belarus.

The PES urges the Belarussian authorities for the immediate and unconditional release of social democratic leaders Alexander Kazulin and Nikolai Statkevich, and all political prisoners of the democratic opposition in Belarus.

The PES deplores that Belarus authorities chose such drastic methods to crack down the political opposition. We deeply believe that such treatment of political opponents violates the basic democratic principles and exposes the weakness of current Belarus administration.

The PES calls on the EU and its member parties to keep pressures on the regime of Lukashenko to start democratic reforms.

The PES expresses its support for the continuous efforts of the democratic opposition and emphasises the need for unity in front of the regime. The PES welcomes the granting of the Sakharov prize 2006 of the European parliament awarded to Alexandre Milinkievitch.

The Party of European Socialists reaffirms its solidarity with all people continuously mobilised for a democratic Belarus.

