

Resolution on Algeria

The Party of European Socialists, at its Congress of 7th and 8th May 2001 in Berlin, is extremely concerned at the disturbing events of the last few days in Algeria. The violence of the repression directed against peaceful demonstrations, for which the regime bears the entire responsibility, has caused more than 60 deaths and hundreds of injuries among the demonstrators.

The PES condemns the use of force against the Algerian population, which is calling only for greater freedom, progress and a genuine democratic alternative.

The PES expresses its deep sympathy to the families of all the victims. It expresses its solidarity with the Algerian people and the country's democratic forces, in particular the Front des Forces Socialistes (FFS), a member of the Socialist International.

The PES calls on the European Union to support in the UN the request of Algerian democrats for an international commission of inquiry into responsibility for the massacres.