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Internal motion

Resolution

Amendment

Title On the violent actions taken in Ukraine against peaceful protests

Point of the agenda 8c

Proposed by: UASS

Seconded by: Coordinator for Human rights and Solidarity, EC,
Coordinator for Equality, ANOSR, PSRP, SRVS, SSU, NUS UK, ANSA,
ASU, ASYOU, OH

Text:

1 *Background:*

2 *For the last ten days, Ukrainian citizens, including students, have*
3 *been out on a peaceful protest against the decision of the*
4 *government to stop actions aimed at signing an Association*
5 *Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine. Protesters*
6 *have been demanding that the Agreement is signed at the 3rd Eastern*
7 *Partnership Summit in Vilnius. However, the government of Ukraine*
8 *and its President have not followed citizens' demands. Moreover,*
9 *during the night of November 30, a special police department in*
10 *Ukraine dispersed protesters by using physical violence against them*
11 *and detained more than a dozen of them. The media reported that*
12 *dozens of protesters were injured by the police.*

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14 Resolution text:

15 The European Students Union and its members condemn violent
16 actions taken by the Ukrainian special police department "Berkut"
17 against peaceful protesters in the country. For more than a week
18 now, the protests have been held in Ukraine and numerous violent
19 actions have been taken against the demonstrating citizens. The

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20 extreme violence that was performed by the police on November 30
21 puts citizens' well-being in danger, as well as human rights and
22 democracy in the country.

23 Ukraine, as a member state of the Council of Europe, has to respect
24 human rights, as they are universal, inalienable and indivisible. The
25 actions of the Ukrainian police contradict the European convention on
26 human rights. Performed violence puts in danger rights of Ukrainian
27 citizens for freedom from torture, freedom of speech and assembly.
28 These are fundamental human rights that have to be respected and
29 are essential for the sustainability of democracy.

30 ESU calls upon Ukrainian authorities to act in accordance with the
31 European convention on human rights, to stop use of violence
32 against its citizens and to ensure that they have the possibility to
33 freely express opinions in different forms, including protests and
34 demonstrations at any given time.

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Passed: **YES** **NO**

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