

**(14) Emergency Resolution adopted by the EPP Congress**  
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**50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956**

In the years of 1989 and 1990 the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe, along with the dissolution of the Soviet Union, have abolished the Communist regimes in their own countries and established free and democratic systems. These changes dated back to long decades in the past. The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 towers above the long row of heroic fights for freedom and democracy. The Hungarian events that took place 50 years ago breached the first gap on the wall of Communism hitherto thought to be impregnable.

The European People's Party condemns the Communist regimes that in the last century have come to power in many countries around the world, seriously violating civil and political rights of the citizens, treading freedom and democracy and committing a number of crimes many of which caused the death of the citizens.

The European People's Party initiates the establishment of a museum in Brussels dedicated to the memory of the victims of Communism. We are convinced that the exploration of the horrors of Communism will bring reconciliation. The awareness of history prevents similar tragedies from ever happening again.