

**(17) Emergency Resolution adopted by the EPP Congress**  
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**Ukrainian Elections**

The process of strengthening democracy in the Ukrainian society after the Orange Revolution was clearly demonstrated during the elections on 26 March 2006, that according to numerous international observers were free, fair and democratic. The Ukrainian leadership has undoubtedly confirmed its devotion to the principles of democracy, providing various opportunities, including access to the mass-media, for all political forces to present their political programs.

The European People's Party welcomes our sister political parties in Ukraine – the People's Union "Our Ukraine" and the People's Movement of Ukraine, with the victory of democracy in Ukraine and supports their contribution to the democratic developments after the Orange revolution.

The European People's Party appeals for the unity of "Orange forces" and creation by them of the constructive majority, which would guarantee the continuation of the democratic reforms in Ukraine as well as of the course on European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

Taking into account Ukraine's undeniable progress on the way of strengthening democracy, respect for the European values, that were demonstrated by the Ukrainian people and the leadership during the elections process, the EPP expresses its support for a European choice of Ukraine. This should allow further development of cooperation between the EU and democratic states of Eastern Europe that share with the EU common values and direct their efforts at the development of democracy in the region according to the EU standards.