



DEMOCRATIC DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The right to resolve political disputes by means of democratic process

Young Democrats for Europe, facing international events regarding to process of democratic resolution of States' national disputes, by means of referendums to express their political wills, declare that societies that configure national communities have the human right to decide their own social, economic and political status.

Thus, based upon international law, we confirm the force and effects of statements of United Nations General Assembly on Human Rights of 1966 granting that *“all peoples have the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development”*.

On these days, regarding more important recent historic events, we recognize British Government's democratic disposition in terms of political dispute resolution. We cannot disregard the value of Scottish experience of resolution of dispute among States and nations living therein that have their own political identity.

European Union, since a union of democratic States it is, must embrace these convened and endorsed ways to solve political disputes. Otherwise, European Union and humanity must not contribute to recognize, as heretofore, only countries that have arose due to wars, crimes against humanity, civil rights violations or terrorism (e.g. former Yugoslavia, Croatia, Serbia, Ukraine).

European Union's values, enunciated originally by Adenauer, de Gasperi, Schuman and Monnet endorse a political confederation based upon democracy, individual and collective freedom, countries' political determination and the recognition thereto.

Therefore, sidestepping interferences in States' and their nations' domestic affairs, we strongly declare, that countries' political determination disputes must be settled by means of democratic process. Besides, European States must commit to respecting and enforcing, the results of political determination exercises, whatever the choice is, recognizing thereby if all parts agree the chance to join the European Union as European countries they are.

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