Resolution on Ukraine

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution on Ukraine.

The text adopted in plenary had been tabled as a joint resolution by the EPP-ED, PES, ALDE, Greens /EFA, GUE/NGL and UEN groups.

The Parliament recalls that the second round of the presidential elections in Ukraine was marked by a multitude of **serious irregularities** and has fallen far short of international standards for democratic elections. It also notes that serious allegations have been made that massive fraud has taken place in the counting of votes in favour of the incumbent Prime Minister, Viktor Yanukovich. It therefore condemns the conditions under which the second round of the presidential elections in Ukraine has taken place and rejects the decision by the Central Electoral Commission to declare Mr Yanukovich as the winner of the presidential elections.

The Ukrainian authorities are called upon to reorganise this second round of elections and to refrain from exerting any pressure on the media, especially public media, so that the Ukrainian people receive objective and impartial information on the candidates.

Moreover, the Parliament calls on the Council and the Commission to make it clear to the Ukrainian Government that **in no way can the use of violence against peaceful, democratic protest be tolerated** and that if this is not adhered to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement will immediately be suspended and sanctions applied. However, the Parliament calls on all protestors to refrain from barricading the main buildings of the state bodies.

With regard to the issue of the **partition of the country**, the Parliament considers threats of separatism unacceptable and expresses its commitment to the territorial integrity of Ukraine. It rejects allegations, especially by the Russian President, that, by expressing their support for the Ukrainian people's right to exercise their democratic rights, the European Union and the international community were encouraging violence. It stresses, at the same time, that Russia carries a great responsibility for the situation in Ukraine.

The Parliament pledges its continuing support, assistance and commitment to the Ukrainian people's establishment of a free and open democratic system, their creation of a prosperous market economy and their country's assumption of its rightful place in the community of democratic nations. Lastly, it calls on the Commission, the Council and the Member States to speed up the adoption of the Action Plan for Ukraine, to engage in the rapid implementation of this plan and to include new measures aimed at strengthening the role of civil society.