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**Draft resolution on Belarus**

9 The PES Congress, gathered in Porto, on 7-8 December 2006, expresses its deep  
10 concerns with the current situation in Belarus and the permanent violation of democratic  
11 principles, legality and Human rights.

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13 The PES calls upon the regime of Alexander Lukashenko to stop immediately the  
14 harassment and persecution of the democratic opposition, as well as some  
15 organisations of national minorities, and to respect the civil rights and liberties of all  
16 citizens in Belarus.

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18 The PES urges the Belarussian authorities for the immediate and unconditional release  
19 of social democratic leaders Alexander Kazulin and Nikolai Statkevich, and all political  
20 prisoners of the democratic opposition in Belarus.

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22 The PES deplors that Belarus authorities chose such drastic methods to crack down  
23 the political opposition. We deeply believe that such treatment of political opponents  
24 violates the basic democratic principles and exposes the weakness of current Belarus  
25 administration.

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27 The PES calls on the EU and its member parties to keep pressures on the regime of  
28 Lukashenko to start democratic reforms.

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30 The PES expresses its support for the continuous efforts of the democratic opposition  
31 and emphasise the need for unity in front of the regime.

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33 The Party of European Socialists reaffirms its solidarity with all people continuously  
34 mobilised for a democratic Belarus.

