

## Emergency Resolution Nr. 2

### **“The current political situation in Armenia”**

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The European People’s Party (EPP) commends the latest political developments in Armenia, including the recent adoption of the law initiating the process of Armenia’s accession to the EU. This step reaffirms the existing commitment of the Armenian people in strengthening democracy and rule of law in the country, and sets a clear pathway toward deeper integration with the EU. Continued political dialogue and reforms in the areas of democracy, rule of law and human rights remain crucial instruments in bringing Armenia closer to the EU with the perspective of future membership. The EPP recalls Armenia’s need to uphold domestically the highest European standards, recalling the EPP resolution on supporting political prisoners of 13-14 November 2023.

### **Armenia’s European Path**

The EPP encourages Armenia to continue its progress in implementing the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA), including achievements in the field of democratic reforms, while also seeking closer cooperation with EU Member States. The suspension of Armenia’s participation in the Collective Security Treaty Organization CSTO announced in August 2024 and the recent adoption of a bill committing to a European path for Armenia mark a historic shift of the country’s geopolitical strategy and are clear signs of dedication to engage further in the process of European integration.

This turning point reflects Armenia’s readiness to disentangle itself from the Kremlin’s orbit and pursue a future aligned with European values. The EPP recognises these visionary steps, which outline a sovereign, secure and democratic future independent of former imperial dependencies.

We fully support efforts to expand our economic and trade relations in view of decreasing Armenia’s dependency on the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), and we commend the prolongation of the mandate of the EU’s civilian mission in Armenia (EUMA) as a facilitator of peace and security in the country. The EPP also welcomes the launch of the EU-Armenia visa-liberalisation dialogue as the next stage of the country’s integration with the EU, which directly improves people-to-people contacts between the two sides. The EPP welcomes the decision to support Armenia through the European Peace Facility and encourages EU Member States to continue this support.

## **Relations with Neighbours**

The EPP commends the Armenian government's recent efforts to normalise relations with its neighbours. Armenia continues to demonstrate a constructive and forward-looking approach, engaging in constructive dialogue with Türkiye with a vision to fully normalise relations between the two countries without pre-conditions. Armenia has also remained engaged in ongoing peace negotiations with Azerbaijan, despite the challenges following the 2023 military offensive and the forcible displacement of the Armenian population from Nagorno-Karabakh. The EPP recalls the need for remaining prisoners of war to be immediately and unconditionally released, and recalls the guaranteed right of return of the ethnic Armenians to Nagorno-Karabakh. These steps reflect a genuine commitment to peace, stability and cooperation in the South Caucasus.

The release of political prisoners and the creation of robust guarantees for cultural, religious and civil rights across the region would be seen as a natural next phase of the dialogue, which would also serve as a cornerstone for the long-term deepening of cooperation between the countries. Lasting progress, however, will depend on reciprocal goodwill and the readiness of all countries to engage in sincere and constructive dialogue.

The EPP also welcomes the Crossroads of Peace project, an ambitious initiative aimed at transforming Armenia into a hub for regional connectivity, economic growth and peaceful cooperation. By linking East and West, North and South, the project enhances Armenia's strategic value as a stable partner for the EU and contributes to regional de-escalation.