

SRES 105

A resolution to condemn the December 19, 2010, elections in Belarus, and to call for the immediate release of all political prisoners and for new elections that meet international standards.

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Condemns the December 2010 election in Belarus as illegitimate and joins the European Parliament in calling for new elections that meet international standards.

Condemns the Alexander Lukashenko regime's systematic efforts to prevent freedom of expression and association in Belarus.

Stands in solidarity with the people of Belarus.

Calls on the Lukashenko regime to: (1) release all political prisoners who were arrested in association with the December 2010 election, including presidential candidates Andrei Sannikov, Nikolai Statkevich, and Uladzimir Nyaklyaeu; and (2) hold new and free presidential and parliamentary elections.

Urges the President and the Secretary of State to: (1) coordinate U.S. and EU policies towards Belarus; (2) resume support to the opposition and civil society in Belarus; (3) impose sanctions where warranted on Belarusian officials; and (4) identify and freeze the assets of entities that enrich Mr. Lukashenko and his regime.

Calls on: (1) other members of the international community, including Russia, to take similar targeted actions against the leaders of the government of Belarus; and (2) the government of Lithuania, as chair of the OSCE for 2011, to make the reestablishment of the OSCE Office in Belarus one of its chief priorities.

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