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The Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) expresses its support for young people in Belarus

The Advisory Council on Youth stands in solidarity with its counterparts, young people in Belarus who are striving for democracy, fairness, equality, freedom and respect for fundamental human rights through peaceful protests. We share the concerns expressed on this situation by the Council of Europe Secretary General, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, and the President of the Venice Commission and, in particular, call on the national authorities to refrain from any form of repression against those exercising their freedom of assembly and freedom of expression, and to hold accountable those responsible for such acts. As a continent, Europe should have no place for violence, ill treatment, unlawful detention, use of disproportionate force in general and in violation of human rights.

We take this opportunity to express our hope that Belarus will strive to meet the democratic and human rights standards of the Council of Europe and become a member state as soon as possible, allowing the citizens to benefit fully from the protection and support provided by the Council of Europe's instruments, most notably the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights.

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