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Call for unity on a democratic candidate in the Belarus presidential elections

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Belarus has lived under the regime of dictatorship for too long a period. The respect for Human Rights has reached new lows, such that the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in the last part-session decided to suspend high level contacts with the Belarus authorities.

New Presidential elections will take place in the coming year. In the past the democratic opposition in Belarus has been fragmented to the extreme.

The undersigned are of the opinion that the time for democratic change in Belarus has come and support any initiative of the Belarus democratic parties and forces to unite on a strong democratic candidate for the next presidential elections.

Signed (see overleaf)

Signed[1]*:*

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1. ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party
SOC: Socialist Group
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left