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We, the young people from the Eastern Partnership countries, European Union member states and Russia, who are seeking to promote freedom and justice in our countries, are determined to continue the struggle against lawlessness, corruption, inequality, injustice, and hatred for the sake of the victory for human rights.

We will continue our fight until the ideals of democracy and human rights, of humanism and solidarity, freedom of expression and rule of law triumph in all our countries. We will not stop until our citizens, who are fighting for these ideals, remain in prisons or other punitive institutions of authoritarian regimes who illegally restrict their freedom, while other activists are subjected to political persecution and repression.

We will carry on our work to eradicate the hatred and xenophobia that are the main causes of persecution in our countries, of violation of rights and dignity on the basis of gender identity or expression, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and religion; and until the pursuit of happiness, dignity and freedom of each person is ensured.

We will continuously defend our right to a healthy environment, promote the idea of sustainable development, environmentally friendly behaviour and responsible use of natural resources and national wealth by our governments.

We will defend the right to quality formal education and equal access, as well as work for the comprehensive development of non-formal learning, which lead to the humanistic enlightenment of people and should become available to every person in our countries.

We will actively fight for the right to work and decent remuneration, right to qualitative and remunerated internships, ensuring high work environmental standards, including the right to a proper rest from labour, which should be fully implemented in our countries.

Taking into account the importance of the above-mentioned, we declare with full responsibility that we will make every effort and use every resource at our disposal, in order to achieve the goals of sustainable development in the context of contemporary challenges young people face in our countries. We therefore call upon all European and national public institutions and civil society organizations in our countries to join this Declaration in order to promote human rights and freedoms in our societies.