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Statement in Support of EU-Ukraine Association Agreement

To those who are able to support and defend the right of the Ukrainian people to have future based on the European values

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of Ukrainian branches' members of the biggest non-governmental student organization AEGEE (Association des États Généraux des Étudiants de l'Europe, European Students' Forum), we would like to appeal to you. As an international person or as the subject of international law please help the Ukrainian people to protect and to defend the right to be and to stay a Europeanoriented nation both spiritually, in terms of democratic values and human rights, and politically. The Ukrainian society crucially needs the support of the European community now.

Promotion of European values among young Ukrainians was always one of the main aims of our organization since its establishment. Members of AEGEE have taken part in and organized hundreds of different conferences, student round-table discussions, training and cultural trips. The main goals have always been European integration, elimination of cultural borders and implementation of different international youth projects within European community. We consider that by signing the European Union – Ukraine Association Agreement Ukraine will benefit in the development of political, trade, social, cultural and security links. That chance cannot be lost now.

We support the opinion of thousands of the protesters of the European Maidans in different cities all over Ukraine with the center in Kyiv who went to the main squares of the cities to express disappointment in the deeds of the Ukrainian government, which abruptly changed the way of the pro-European policy of Ukraine. We strongly consider current situation to be a crucial point of the history on the geopolitical map of the world and of our own future. That is why with this letter we appeal to you not to be indifferent and to help the Ukrainian people to overcome the government which follow their own interests notwithstanding that Ukrainian civic society are Europeanoriented.

We are architects of our life, which is why we choose high quality material for our future home – European community!

27.11.2013 *Faithfully yours,*

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