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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **YOUTH OF EUROPE GATHER BEHIND DEMOCRACY AFTER NORWEGIAN ATTACKS**

The double attacks in Norway on Friday, 22 July 2011 shocked the whole world. The brutality of these acts is incomprehensible and the violence that has taken place is completely unjustifiable. Our thoughts go out to the victims and their friends and relatives, and to all those who were affected by these acts. The undersigned organisations are horrified by this violence against our colleagues and friends in AUF (Norwegian Labour Youth). This is an attack against all organisations that stand for democracy.

We are convinced that the only response to such acts is more democracy, more openness and more understanding. Therefore, we will continue our work to further strengthen democracy, human rights, and to fight against the far-right and other forms of political extremism together all over Europe.

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