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The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Ukraine,
- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas observers and the media report violations of Ukrainian election law during the campaign and the first round of the elections,
- B. underlining the importance of a democratic and stable Ukraine for peace and stability in Europe,
- C. reiterating its deep disappointment with the involvement of the government administration in the election campaign, especially with the use of the police forces against the opposition,
- D. reiterating its condemnation of measures to restrict opposition candidates' access to state media,
- E. expressing concern at the prolonging of vote counts, which may be based on tactical reasons,
- F. expressing its deep concern about reports from the press and observers of cases of falsification of the election results,
- 1. Calls on the Ukrainian Government to ensure fair and equal conditions for the second round of the elections;
- 2. Calls on the Ukrainian Government to investigate in a fair and transparent way all reported cases of violating the election law and alleged attempts at poisoning the main opposition candidate;
- 3. Strongly calls upon the Council and the Commission to fully employ their resources to ensure that all the necessary conditions are met for holding free and fair elections in Ukraine:
- 4. Calls on the Council and the Commission to seriously re-examine the bilateral relationship should the second round of the election be tainted in a similar manner to the first;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and Commission, and the President, Government, and Parliament of Ukraine

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