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The European Youth Forum, facing the political debate opened in Catalonia on the right to decide its future, and taking into account the positioning of the Consell Nacional de la Joventut de Catalunya (CNJC) on this issue,

**REAFFIRMING** that a wide social and political majority in Catalonia supports Catalonia's right to freely decide on its political future and the right of its citizens to be asked about this issue,

**STRESSING** that the Government of Catalonia foresees the announcement of a popular referendum to be held the 9th November to exercise the right to decide, being widely supported by the Parliament and civil society.

**SUPPORTING** the process of debate undertaken by Catalan youth organisations in the framework of the Consell Nacional de la Joventut de Catalunya as well as its positioning supporting Catalonia's right to decide its political future, whereas observing neutrality towards the different answering options that the popular referendum of the 9th of November allows,

**ACKNOWLEDGING** CNJC's task to promote youth participation in public affairs as well as its key role guaranteeing the right to vote at 16 years old in the popular referendum,

**WE URGE** the European leaders to facilitate dialogue between Catalan, Spanish and European institutions; as well as to guarantee the exercise of the right of Catalan citizens to be asked about their political future, with the shared goal of attaining a politically and democratically strengthened Europe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Peter Matjašič".

Peter Matjašič  
President