



RESOLUTION BY THE EURO COP COMMITTEE  
DECLARING ITS SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT FOR THE POLICE UNION IN SLOVAKIA

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We, the 28 Member Organisations of the European Confederation of Police, representing over 600.000 police officers in Europe, have come together today in the EuroCOP Committee in London.

We have discussed the recent developments in the Republic of Slovakia which is a Member State of the European Union and as such committed to the democratic values common among all Member States.

- We express our deepest concerns in view of the recent developments in Slovakia, following the lawful public protest of police officers on Tuesday, 25 October 2005.
- We are shocked at the reactions of the Interior Minister of Slovakia that clearly display notions of an authoritarian regime rather than a mature democracy.
- We are, in particular, concerned about the disciplinary consequences that members of the Police Union are threatened with as a consequence of public disagreement with the Interior Minister.
- We are further concerned about the Interior Minister's refusal to acknowledge the Police Union as a negotiation partner in the future.

We express our strongest support for the Police Union in Slovakia and its legitimate and lawful activities to improve the conditions of service in the police.

- We insist that it is an undeniable right of any professional representative organisation to disagree publicly with the employer's side on the conditions of service.
- We call upon the Interior Minister of the Slovak Republic to refrain from any harassment of police officers based upon their activities in the police union in Slovakia.
- We insist that the Government recognize the Police Union in Slovakia and its democratically elected representatives as a negotiation partner and to reengage in a constructive dialogue.