



Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2014/2970(RSP)	Procedure completed
Resolution on Serbia: the case of accused war criminal Vojislav ?e?elj		
Subject 6.10.08 Fundamental freedoms, human rights, democracy in general		
Geographical area Serbia, from 06/2006		

Key players	
European Parliament	

Key events			
27/11/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
27/11/2014	Debate in Parliament		
27/11/2014	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0065/2014	Summary
27/11/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2014/2970(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Urgent debate or resolution
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 144
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Motion for a resolution		B8-0292/2014	25/11/2014	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0294/2014	25/11/2014	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0296/2014	25/11/2014	EP	
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Joint motion for resolution		RC-B8-0292/2014	25/11/2014		
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T8-0065/2014	27/11/2014	EP	Summary

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on Serbia: the case of accused war criminal eelj.

The resolution adopted in plenary was tabled on behalf of the EPP, S&D, ECR, ALDE, Greens/EFA and EFDD groups.

Members recalled that Vojislav eelj, the president of the Serbian Radical Party, is indicted before the ICTY for persecutions on political, racial or religious grounds, deportation, inhumane acts (forcible transfer) (crimes against humanity), and for murder, torture, cruel treatment, wanton destruction of villages, etc. in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and parts of Vojvodina (Serbia), committed between 1991 and 1993.

Today, after more than eleven years of detention, eelj is on provisional release on the grounds of the deterioration of his health, subject to the conditions that he: (i) does not influence witnesses and victims; and (ii) appears before the Chamber as soon as it so orders. However, eelj has emphasised that he will not voluntarily return to the Tribunal when requested to do so. In his public statements, he repeatedly called for the creation of Greater Serbia, publicly stating claims on neighbouring countries, including EU Member State Croatia, and inciting hatred against non-Serb people.

Against this background, the European Parliament strongly condemned eeljs warmongering, incitement to hatred and encouragement of territorial claims and his attempts to derail Serbia from its European path. It stressed that eeljs recent statements could have the effect of undermining the progress made in regional cooperation and reconciliation and subverting the efforts of recent years.

Members reminded the Serbian authorities of their obligations under the framework for cooperation with the ICTY and of Serbias obligations as an EU candidate country. In general, it noted with concern that the absence of an adequate political reaction and legal response by the Serbian authorities regarding eeljs behaviour undermines the trust of the victims in the judicial process. It encouraged the Serbian authorities to investigate whether eelj has violated Serbian law and to strengthen and fully apply the legislation outlawing hate speech, discrimination and incitement to violence.

Lastly, Parliament encouraged the ICTY to take determined action and to take all necessary measures to bring perpetrators of war crimes to justice which is an indispensable condition for a genuine and lasting reconciliation process.