

# FREE YULIA TYMOSHENKO, YURIY LUTSENKO, AND OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS IN UKRAINE!

## NO EU REWARDS FOR PRESIDENT VIKTOR YANUKOVYCH'S REGIME WITHOUT FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL OPPOSITION LEADERS OF UKRAINE!



*Europe, the United States, and Canada condemn the imprisonment of Ukraine democratic leader Yulia Tymoshenko and demand her release. The regime of President Yanukovich should be placed under sanctions, not rewarded for democracy rollback and law violations.*

*Next week President Yanukovich will arrive in Brussels hoping to be invited to sign an Association and Free Trade Agreement with the European Union! This must not be allowed.*

## STOP EU SUPPORT FOR THE YANUKOVYCH REGIME. NO EU ASSOCIATION AND FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BEFORE TYMOSHENKO AND OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE RELEASED!

### International Voices of Condemnation

The charges against Yulia Tymoshenko are "selective justice. The murder charges were proved groundless long ago. The goal is to destroy Yulia Tymoshenko as a politician and a person. . . . These are some of the conditions that must be met for the association agreement to be signed in Vilnius in late November. This was decided by the Foreign Affairs Council and the European Parliament. And until this happens, there will be no progress on association. I hope that Ukraine agrees to these conditions." *Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament (EP) Elmar Brok, January 2013*

"On 19 December, Ukraine concluded negotiations on an association agreement with the European Union that includes human rights requirements. That marked the end of a year in which Ukraine's respect for democratic principles and the rule of law had been called into question, principally over the detention, trial and convictions of opposition political leaders. Independent experts, including the Danish Helsinki Committee, identified serious flaws in trials that were widely judged to be politically motivated. The Prime Minister told the House of Commons that the treatment of former Prime Minister Tymoshenko was 'disgraceful' and the Foreign Secretary issues a statement expressing his deep concern. The Minister for Europe issued a similar statement when an appeal court upheld Ms Tymoshenko's conviction and sentence. The UK and the EU have made clear that to ensure that the association agreement is ratified, Ukraine must demonstrate that it can live up to EU principles." *UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office Human Rights Report, 2012*

"The conviction of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and the arrest and trial of other former government officials undermined confidence in the judiciary's independence, media faced increasing pressure, and corruption continued to plague public and private institutions." *Human Rights Watch, 2012 Report*

The "Senate condemns the selective and politically motivated prosecution and imprisonment of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko ." *U.S. Senate Resolution S. Res. 466, unanimously approved, September 22, 2012*

"...we call on the Ukrainian government to release Yuri Lutsenko and Yulia Tymoshenko. Canada stands with the people of Ukraine as they seek to build a nation founded on the values of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law." *Hon. John Baird, Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs (August 22, 2012)*

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