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Declaration on the Youth
Policy of the Democratic
Forces of Belarus**

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Introduction

Objective

The document establishes the priorities and approaches to the youth policy of the democratic forces of Belarus. The objective of the document is to define the activities, the implementation of which will promote the support and expansion of the rights and opportunities for Belarusian youth, ensure active youth participation in the democratic development of the country, and promote European values among young people.

Main Principles of the Youth Policy of the Democratic Forces of Belarus

Democratic Development

- **Human Rights and Dignity:** Ensuring the full implementation of young people's rights.
- **Democratic Participation:** Encouraging active youth participation in political and social processes.
- **Equality:** Guaranteeing equal opportunities for all groups of young people.
- **Gender Equality:** Ensuring gender equality and preventing gender-based rights violations, discrimination, and violence.
- **Access to Information:** Facilitating youth access to information and advisory services to realize their rights, potential, and broader participation in socio-political processes.

Harmonious Living in Diverse Societies

- **Cultural Diversity:** Expanding opportunities for youth to preserve their identity to promote cultural diversity and participate in intercultural dialogue.
- **Anti-Discrimination:** Facilitating the fight against all forms of discrimination.
- **National Solidarity:** Promoting national solidarity and opportunities for cooperation among Belarusian youth and other groups of Belarusian society.

Social Integration

- **Support for Vulnerable Youth:** Expanding opportunities for youth from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- **Education and Employment:** Ensuring access to education, vocational training, and labor markets.
- **Transition to the Labor Market:** Supporting youth in the transition from education to the labor market.
- **Cultural and Sports Participation:** Ensuring equal access to cultural, sports, and creative activities.
- **Intergenerational Dialogue and Reconciliation:** Promoting dialogue and solidarity between generations.

Implementation Approaches

Policy Development and Cooperation

- ***International Cooperation:*** Supporting the implementation of current principles through international cooperation in youth policy.
- ***Joint Management:*** Utilizing joint management as a mechanism for cooperation between the decision-making bodies of the democratic forces of Belarus and Belarusian youth organizations.

Youth Work, Education, and Training

- ***Multilateral Cooperation:*** Promoting international understanding through multilateral youth cooperation.
- ***Intercultural Learning:*** Utilizing intercultural learning practices as a method of non-formal education to combat intolerance and discrimination.

Research and Knowledge on Youth

- ***Youth Research:*** Promoting evidence-based policy through research and cooperation between youth, researchers, and policymakers.
- ***Publications and Educational Materials:*** Issuing research publications and educational and training materials to support youth work and policy.

Strategic Priorities

Priority Areas

- ***Protection of Human Rights and Participation in Democratic Processes:*** Focusing on rights, participation, and equality.
- ***Diverse Societies:*** International and intercultural integration, prevention of discrimination, and national solidarity.
- ***Social Integration:*** Supporting vulnerable youth groups, education, employment, independence, cultural participation, and intergenerational dialogue.

Coordination and Support

Relevant bodies of the democratic forces of Belarus should work in the following areas:

- ***Policy Development:*** Developing work plans based on this document.
- ***Improving Coordination:*** Working to enhance coordination among youth-related initiatives.
- ***Integrating Youth Perspective:*** Considering the youth perspective in their programs and activities.
- ***Mobility and Volunteering:*** Supporting and expanding youth mobility, volunteering programs, and exchanges.

- *Support for Youth Organizations:* Supporting Belarusian youth organizations in their activities to build a democratic youth sector through expanded access to resources.