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**Recommendations by the European Russian Forum  
addressed to the EU-Russia Summit of 2010**

In November the Fourth European Russian Forum took place in Brussels. The Forum was initiated by the European Russian-speakers Alliance as a venue for non-governmental dialogue between Russia and the European Union. The event was organised in partnership with the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament and the “Russkiy Mir” Foundation.

Experts and researchers, politicians, representatives of civic and religious organisations, journalists, leaders of cultural and educational projects from Russia and the EU participated in the Forum.

Participants of the Fourth Forum noted with satisfaction that the call of the Third Forum for the implementation of an ambitious modern project to create a strategic partnership between the European Union and Russia in a long-term perspective still remains topical.

Participants of the Forum highly appreciated the launch of the new Partnership for Modernisation which took place in May during the EU-Russia Summit in Rostov-on-Don, as an initiative, which is capable of creating the necessary dynamics in relations between Russia and the European Union. Issues related to the human dimension of the Partnership for Modernisation were discussed during the Fourth Forum.

The Fourth European Russian Forum has approved the following recommendations addressed to the forthcoming EU-Russia Summit of December 2010. The recommendations are based on the suggestions and ideas expressed during the Forum.

The Organising Committee of the European Russian Forum,

- fulfilling the wishes of the participants in the Forum,
- considering the necessity to elaborate new principles to become a foundation of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and Russia,
- believing that the Partnership for Modernisation should take into account the necessity to build a dialogue community and should be considered as a creative project for a general strategy of modernisation for the whole European continent,

- recalling that success of such a strategy is made up of the ability to answer the actual challenges related to economic, ecological and world outlook crisis, and also progress in the sphere of new technologies,

- being sure that the given strategy has a chance to become «the future scenario» for global modernisation only in the event that it will take into account the organic pluralism of the European continent, the presence of multicomunal and multicultural societies, the challenges of dialogues between and inside civilizations,

- understanding the importance of searching the consensus of values when building the Partnership for Modernisation and considering it's human dimension in the framework of individual rights and dignity linked to moral responsibility,

- recognises the necessity to develop an open and honest dialogue between the EU and Russia where structures of civil societies, representatives of religious traditions, scientific and expert circles, Russian-speaking diasporas living in the EU must be actively engaged;
- calls for the promotion of discussion on problems in the observance of human rights in Russia and the EU (in particular, the legal situation of the Russian-speaking population in several EU Member States) and believes that the EU-Russia dialogue in the field of human rights should not be based on double standards;
- calls for the urgent work on the road map for visa-free travel between the EU and Russia and considers that one of the first steps should be the abolition of the registration requirement for foreign nationals which is in force in Russia and some EU Member States;
- supports the creation of mechanisms for EU-Russia cooperation in the field of energy and considers that within this dialogue a greater role should be given to the business dialogue between energy companies in order to achieve common understanding of changing circumstances and business development rules;
- suggests the undertaking of mutual obligations in respect of a careful approach to the use of natural resources.

Recalling a positive experience of the European Russian Forum, the Organising Committee is ready to participate in implementing the projects promoting greater dialogue between the EU and Russia on the level of public diplomacy and as experts and advisers under the aegis of thematic working groups.