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MEPs support legalisation of Sortu

EFA press release by MEP François Alfonsi (U Partitu di a Nazione Corsa)

The MEPs endorsing the following statement welcome Sortu the "new political and organisational project" presented 7th February and whose statutes reject all kinds of violence, ETA's included. Such an announcement takes us closer to a lasting and sustainable peace in the Basque Country.

We don't necessarily share the presented political project, but we understand that such a political party has the right to be legal and contest elections as any other party. We call on the Spanish authorities not to put any additional barriers.

We understand that for a resolutive dialogue to be set up, all the parties should take part on equal conditions, and so the Abertzale Left should be legalised.

We want to call on all parties to make an effort for the resolution of the conflict. Peace in the Basque Country is peace in the very heart of Europe, and so we must understand it.

March 2011, Brussels

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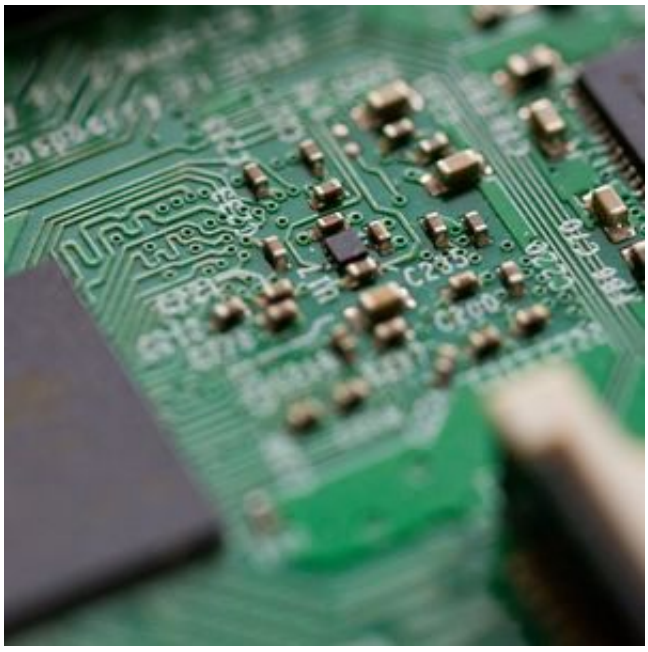
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