

On the situation in Iran

The Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Bratislava, Slovakia, on 2-3 December 2022:

Recalls:

- the death in custody of Mahsa Amini on 16 September 2022, following her arrest by the Iranian morality police for the alleged violation of mandatory hijab laws;
- the courageous wave of protests for women's rights, freedom, and democracy that has sparked in many regions of Iran following those events;
- At least 416 people have been killed by security forces in ongoing protests, according to NGO Iran Human Rights;
- Over 20 protesters are facing charges punishable by death, with five having already been sentenced to death.

Condemns:

- the use of force by the Iranian security authorities against peaceful protestors and the shut-down of the internet;
- the decades-long exercise of power over women and repression of society by the Islamist regime, as well as the recent increase in executions, torture and death penalties, including for minors;
- Iran's destabilising efforts in the region and its support of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine;

Calls for:

- the ALDE Party and its member organisations, as well as the EU and all governments to show support and firm solidarity with the women of Iran, formally summon the Iranian ambassadors and demand an unconditional, immediate end to violence against protesters;
- the immediate release of all protesters and the dropping of all criminal charges against them, as well as to generally stop torture and executions;
- an independent investigation on Mahsa Amini's death and the prosecution of the perpetrators;
- additional, stricter, sanctions against the Iranian regime where possible, including visa bans and asset freezes against all responsible regime actors, as well as a prohibition on financial transfers to or from the Iranian regime;
- international condemnation of Iran's continued arms exports to Russia;
- the designation of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Iran's Morality Police as a terrorist organisation;

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- an immediate cessation of negotiations with the Iranian regime in all fields, excepting the so-called 'nuclear deal', especially if Iran does not stop its nuclear escalation by refusing to return to full compliance under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and commit to respect human rights;
- European countries to show solidarity with people fleeing Iran and stand ready to offer international protection, also by offering them humanitarian visas. Moreover, for the time being, extraditions to Iran should be stopped;
- to support Iranians to gain free access to information, e.g. by providing VPN infrastructure;
- the termination of any mandatory covering for women and the dissolution of the Morality Police;
- ongoing coordination between like-minded democracies to promote human rights - with specific focus on the rights of women and LGBTQ+ people - and access to independent media sources in Iran;
- the opportunity for the Iranian people to decide freely and democratically about the future of their country.

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