

Strengthening the ALDE Party

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Dublin, Ireland, on 2-4 June 2022:

Takes note of:

- incidents in the past where ALDE member parties have acted contrary to the interests of the liberal democratic values that unite us which are enshrined in Article 3 of the Articles of Association of ALDE, namely: respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities;
- the multiple incidents in which complaints against such actions have been raised by other member parties at ALDE Council meetings;
- such complaints are today often raised in the first instance under AOB at an ALDE Council meeting, which has caused many Council meetings to be dominated by detailed discussions of specific member parties;
- discussions held at several previous ALDE Councils, including most recently in Rome, on the need for a mechanism to systematically and transparently handle complaints and/or concerns regarding specific member parties when such are presented.

Welcomes:

- steps taken by the ALDE Bureau and Secretariat in 2019 to lay the foundations for a systematic step-by-step mechanism to deal with similar situations;
- the ALDE Bureau and the Secretariat's continued support to strengthen ALDE as a European liberal democratic political force.

Believes that:

- an established transparent and structured manner of dealing with complaints and/or concerns regarding member parties would make the ALDE Party stronger;
- such a mechanism could include for example a clear contact person for complaints within the Bureau and Secretariat, an established step-by-step process for how complaints are investigated and evaluated, a structured time frame within which the Bureau should report back to member parties, and a structured manner in which such a report should be presented;
- the current way of handling such complaints and/or concerns leaves the ALDE Party vulnerable to being used as a tool in domestic conflicts between member parties and individual members, and being weaponised by other parties on a national level;

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- a stronger ALDE Party is beneficial for all member parties and will help us reach a stronger Europe.

Calls on:

- the ALDE Bureau and Secretariat to present to the next Council meeting a detailed plan on how to achieve a structured and transparent mechanism meant to handle cases where member parties act contrary to our common values in their domestic contexts.

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