

Expanding the EU Magnitsky Act

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening virtually on 11-12 June 2021:

Taking note that:

- since the U.S. Congress passed The Magnitsky Act in 2012, the bill has gained global influence and other countries have adopted similar legislation to sanction individuals who violate human rights by e.g. freezing their assets and banning them from entry;
- the EU Magnitsky sanctions legislation, unlike those in the United States, Canada and the Baltic states, not including systematic corruption and money-laundering offenses;
- the clear link between corruption and human rights violations, well documented within the EU, i.e. in the European Parliaments annual report on human rights and democracy in the world;
- the current situation in Russia, particularly the Navalny case, requires an urgent supplement to ensure that Magnitsky sanctions cover systematic corruption and money-laundering.

Believes that:

- individuals who have contributed physically, financially or through systematic corruption to human rights violations should be sanctioned and held accountable under Magnitsky Act;
- the EU must not risk becoming a safe haven for people who commit crimes of systematic corruption;
- such a risk is significant when other countries but not the EU have such corruption offenses included in their Magnitsky legislation.

Calls on:

- the ALDE party and its members to push the EU and European States to use Magnitsky sanctions to target individuals responsible for human rights violations;
- the EU and European States and its members states to broaden their Magnitsky Act be to cover systematic corruption and money-laundering as described above;
- the EU and European States to use Magnitsky sanctions on individuals responsible for serious human rights violations to which Russian opposition politician Navalny and the publisher Jurij Dmitrijev, as well as the people of Xinjiang, Hong Kong, Venezuela, Myanmar and the Belarus protesters for democracy - among others - have has been subjected to;

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- the EU and European States to broaden the list of names of individuals and companies responsible for systematic corruption and money, and to implement Magnitsky sanctions against them.

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