

Diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics and associated events

The Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Rome, Italy on 11 December 2021:

Notes that:

- next year's Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics will take place amidst industrial scale human rights abuses in the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Hong Kong;
- in Xinjiang, the PRC government is carrying out a brutal campaign of persecution against Uyghurs and other predominantly Muslim Turkish groups. Abuses include the internment of at least one million individuals, widespread forced labour and mass forced sterilization. A growing number of legal investigations have found credible cases for Genocide and crimes against humanity in Xinjiang;
- meanwhile, the PRC government continues its crackdown on Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement and persecutes Tibetans and other religious and ethnic minorities.

Believes that:

- against this background, it is unthinkable that the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics should continue as normal. It is right that sport should stay above politics, but this does not permit turning a blind eye to industrial scale human rights abuses;
- it is undesirable to hold Olympic Games in countries with human rights violations.

Calls on:

- ALDE Party members to work within their respective national legislatures and governments not to accept any invitations to attend the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics or its associated events with a view to achieving a united stand between European countries;
- ALDE Party Members of European Parliament and EU Commissioners to initiate an EU-wide and EU-candidate country diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Winter Olympics or its associated events.

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