

## On Opposing the Certification of Nord Stream 2

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

### Recalls:

- the 2018 ALDE Party Manifesto “Freedom, opportunity, prosperity: the Liberal vision for the future of Europe” which underlines the threat of the aggressive actions of Russia to undermine European security;
- the consensus of the ALDE member parties on developing a common European energy policy and reducing dependence on external providers, especially Russia;
- the support of the ALDE Party for the independence, sovereignty, and European integration of Ukraine.

### Takes note of:

- the Russian blackmailing foreign policy to take advantage of Europe’s 2021 energy crisis by artificially refusing to send additional natural gas supplies to Europe unless the Nord Stream 2 pipeline is certified;
- the recent buildup of Russian troops and military equipment near Ukrainian borders, as another unacceptable tool of pressure on the EU which raised strong concerns among the EU, US, and NATO officials;
- the strong long-lasting opposition to the certification of the Nord Stream 2 by the EU member states, including Poland, Romania, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and others.

### Recognises that:

- the geopolitical nature of the Nord Stream 2 will dramatically increase Russian ability to weaponise energy to gain all-European and global political benefits;
- the certification and launch of the gas transit through Nord Stream 2 will nullify the reliance of Russia on Ukrainian pipelines, which is currently a crucial constraint against escalating Russian invasion of Ukraine;
- the authorisation of the Nord Stream 2 is a threat not only to European energy security but to the values of the EU.

### Calls for the ALDE Party and its member organisations to:

- strongly influence the national governments of the EU member states to implement all available legal and political measures to prevent the Nord Stream 2 certification and operation.

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