

On the situation after parliamentary elections in Russia

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

Noting the:

- deteriorating situation with regards to democracy and human rights in Russia after the September 2021 parliamentary elections with pro-government parties remaining in power via controlled elections and the Communist party gaining even more mandates via the efforts of some politicians and public figures to mobilise a part of intelligencia to vote for communists and pro-government parties supporting the course towards curbing of democracy;
- further curbing of freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, increase of the number of political prisoners, intensification of the pressure on the NGOs, opposition journalists and media who were listed as “foreign agents” resulting in infringement of their civil rights, government’s attempts to liquidate “Memorial”, the oldest human rights group and the research centre engaged in research of repression in the USSR;
- Russian government’s course towards confrontation with the West, hostile policies towards Ukraine and support of Belarus dictator Lukashenko.

Notes that:

- such developments do not comply with Russia’s obligations as a member of the Council of Europe and the democratic way of development proclaimed by the country;
- such actions create tensions in Europe, and also impact on the lives of Russian citizens.

Calls on the Russian Federation to:

- fulfil its obligations as a member of the Council of Europe and return to the democratic way of development, release political prisoners, and restore civil freedoms;
- stop dangerous military gambling and cease threatening neighbouring states.

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