

Brexit

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Athens, Greece, on 24-26 October 2019:

Notes:

- the Withdrawal Agreement reached between the UK Government and the EU negotiators;
- that whilst the UK Parliament agreed to a Second Reading to allow the Bill to implement the Agreement to proceed, they did not accept the three-day timetable for all amendments and the substantial motion to be completed. The UK Government has halted the process;
- the UK Prime Minister sent a photocopy of unsigned letter to the President of the European Council requesting and extension of the 31 October deadline for the UK to leave the EU, as this request was mandated by UK Law. The President decided to forward this request to EU heads of Government;
- that this conference supports every effort to avoid a no deal Brexit as it
 would have extremely negative impact on the economies of the UK,
 Europe and in particular the island of Ireland because of its unique
 position;
- the Liberal Democrats as the only UK wide major Party which is united in supporting remaining in the EU need an extension at least until the end of January 2020to have time for a confirmatory referendum or a general election to take place.

Calls on the ALDE Party to:

 support this request which shall be forwarded to Liberal Heads of Government.

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