

On the response to the peaceful demonstration in Baku, Azerbaijan

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

Taking note that:

- on 19 October 2019 there was held a peaceful demonstration in Baku, Azerbaijan, in support of democratic freedoms and human rights;
- the police violently dispersed the people, applying unnecessary force to the peaceful participants of the action as well as to the casual passers-by and observers;
- according to the multiple photo- and video-evidence, the unprecedented brutality was applied even to women and elderly people;
- many detained, injured people and some political activists have already been sentenced to the administrative arrest.

Condemns:

the police violence against peaceful participants of the demonstration.

Calls on:

- the Azerbaijani government to ensure basic human rights and freedoms, including freedom of assembly in Azerbaijan, as a part of the international commitments of the country;
- the Azerbaijani government to release the people, arrested during the 19 October demonstration, most of whom are activists of the Popular Front Party and the Musavat Party, as well as all political prisoners in Azerbaijan.

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