

## Chick culling

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

### Having regard to:

- the resolution “The Link between Animal Welfare, Public Health and Resistance to Antibiotics” adopted at the ALDE Party Congress in Helsinki, Finland (October 2010);
- the resolution “Antimicrobial Resistance” adopted at the ALDE Party Congress in Budapest, Hungary (November 2015).

### Notes that:

- as of 2018 around 7 billion day-old male chicks were culled per year in the egg industry worldwide;
- not all culled chicks can be used as animal feed (e.g. for snakes);
- the practice of chick culling produces millions of unnecessary deaths of chicks and is therefore unethical;
- the EU needs to have equal livestock husbandry standards to ensure fair competition;
- unilateral measures at national level cannot stop the practice of chick culling in the EU as a unilateral approach leads to millions of day-old chicks to be transported to those countries that still allow chick culling.

### Calls for:

- all EU Member States to introduce an alternative procedure to timely identify masculine chicks before they are able to feel pain;
- all EU Member States to ban the practice of chick culling;
- the EU to invest in research projects about alternatives to culling chicks;
- the EU to install a system that ensures the enforcement of the ban on chick culling;
- raise awareness of chick culling through a consumer perspective.

### Resolution:

Chick culling

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