

## Building a Progressive Alliance to fight for Europe

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Madrid, Spain, on 8-10 of November 2018:

### Noting that:

- nationalism and populism are threatening the European Union's founding values and principles, especially freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and freedom of association;
- xenophobia and autocracy are spreading all across Europe, garnering more and more support in local, regional and national elections, championing division, intolerance, lack of solidarity and protectionism;
- forces embracing these extremist ideologies are endangering our democracies, freedom, and the rule of law; they are herewith threatening the foundational values of the European project;
- a coalition of nationalist, authoritarian, and populist parties blame Europe for all evils, and aims to win the European Parliament elections in order to dismantle all that the European Union stands for, leaving Europe in real danger of chaos and uncertainty.

### Recalls that:

- the ALDE Party works to strengthen the liberal, democrat and reform movement in the European Union and throughout Europe;
- the ALDE Party believes in a Europe based on the fundamental liberal principles of liberty, democracy, rule of law, human rights, tolerance and solidarity;
- the ALDE Party aims to reach a common position on all important matters affecting the European Union.

### Calls on:

- the ALDE Prime Ministers to unequivocally and publicly insist on the liberal, democrat and reform values, protection of democracy and rule of law in the EU, and to stand in the forefront of the defence of open societies and a progressive Europe;
- the ALDE Party to make the defence and protection of the principles and values enshrined in Art. 2, 3, and 4 of the Treaty of the European Union as the core of its political action;
- the ALDE Party to work, along with other progressive political forces, to redefine our foundations for a sovereign, united, and democratic Europe;

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- the ALDE party to oppose, along with other progressive political forces, authoritarian politicians and their policies that attack freedom of press, crushes individual rights, weakens justice, and threatens minorities;
- the ALDE Party and other pro-European political forces to build a cross party, cross-national platform to seize the opportunity ahead of the May 2019 European Parliament elections and prevent xenophobic, nationalist and populist forces from prevailing.

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