

Responsibility to safeguard universal access to sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR)

The Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on 2-3 of June 2017:

Notes that:

- non-profit organisations have been able to work for women's sexual and reproductive rights for many years with strong financial support from many countries including the U.S. administration. U.S. aid is now reduced following the Global Gag Rule re-introduced in 23 January 2017, banning any overseas organisations to work with abortion rights;
- on 28 January, as a response to the Global Gag Rule, the "She decides"-project, a fundraising initiative for family planning programmes, was launched;
- Agenda 2030 emphasises gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls as crucial to achieving all goals and targets. Agenda 2030 calls on all countries to take measures to end discrimination and eliminate violence against women and girls as well as harmful practices such as forced marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM) and calls for a significant reduction of maternal mortality, to end preventable deaths of new-borns and children under five years of age, and an end to the AIDS epidemic.

Considers that

- it is crucial that developed countries put themselves at the forefront of the financial plan to prevent the negative consequences of reduced U.S. aid to SRHR, so as to decrease the number of women who dies as a lack of SRHR aid, and to reach the goals as set out in Agenda 2030.

Calls on

- the ALDE member parties to support the "She Decides"-project;
- the ALDE member parties to take initiatives in integrating issues related to SRHR in the national aid budget plans to prevent downsizing of aid earmarked for sexual reproductive health and rights.

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