

On EU-Andorra relations

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

Acknowledging that:

- stronger and deeper relations of the EU with neighbouring small states such as Andorra, Monaco and San Marino will contribute to the consolidation of a Europe founded on the values of respect between large and small nations, all committed to freedom, democracy, the rule of law, human rights, equality and solidarity, and to the promotion of these values on the international scene.

Recognising:

- the stated intention of Andorra to develop closer relations with the EU, and the efforts by all segments of the Andorran society, and of the Liberal Party of Andorra to work towards the future framework of relations.

Taking into consideration:

- the Declaration 3, Article 8 of the EU Treaty which provides for the Union to “take into account the particular situation of small-sized States which maintain specific relations of proximity with”;
- the on-going negotiations of one or more association agreements between the EU and Andorra, Monaco and San Marino;
- the announcement by the current Andorran government on 17 September that the elections will take place in March 2019, effectively launching the election campaign;
- the scheduled presentation of the progress report on the association agreements between the EU and Andorra, Monaco and San Marino and subsequent debate in the European Parliament for early 2019.

Emphasises its:

- strong conviction that EU agreements with small neighbouring nations should take into account their particular situation and that a comprehensive EU/Andorra Association Agreement should be negotiated in an inclusive manner preferably outside the heat of electoral campaigns;
- its firm support for intensification of the efforts by EU institutions to negotiate with a future government of Andorra, hopefully led by Liberals, a balanced Association Agreement providing a progressive and structured access of the Principality to the Internal Market of the EU.

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