

## On a European call to action in light of recent geopolitical developments

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

### Takes note of:

- the recent NATO and G7 summits, which put a spotlight on the increasingly diverging views between the EU and the US President Trump on issues such as defence, foreign policy and climate change;
- the vital and ongoing contribution the United States dedicated to shaping an unprecedented era of peace and stability on the European continent;
- the recent elections in the Netherlands and France, which prove that there is a strong democratic will to move forward with real solutions at the European level, rather than to rely on short-sighted nationalistic and protectionist measures;
- the decision of President Trump to pull the USA out of the Paris climate agreement.

### Believes that:

- in a rapidly changing geopolitical environment, the EU should play a more important global role, both as a soft and hard power;
- it is now clear that on many issues, such as the defence of human rights and the fight against climate change, the EU must rely on and enhance its own strength;
- the EU and its Member States must assume greater responsibility for their own security while maintaining a strong link with NATO. They must be able to undertake military action, according to the Treaty of the European Union preferably with the support of other global powers, but eventually on their own;
- -the EU should take on a bigger role as the defender of liberal values, including human rights and fundamental freedoms, in international politics;
- global security and human progress is not exclusively achieved through military means, but requires a 3D-approach that equally integrates diplomatic, developmental and military instruments;
- US Mayors and Governors who have defied President Trump's decision and vowed to implement the Paris Agreement need the support of Europe's cities and regions.

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**Calls on:**

- the EU to confidently and ambitiously move forward towards a far-reaching cooperation of the EU Member States on foreign policy and security. This will enable us to decisively address global challenges and promote liberal values across the world;
- the EU to lead the global fight against climate change by rallying the international partners to uphold the agreement;
- the EU and its Member States to act on the stabilisation of a global trading system, to strengthen the WTO, and to further establish a liberal rule-based global trading system.

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