

Defending Democratic Values against Terrorism

The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party convening in Budapest, Hungary on 19-21 November 2015:

Notes that:

- terrorist attacks constitute a serious threat against the security of European citizens with the aim of creating fear and anxiety;
- Article 42.7 of the Lisbon Treaty includes the “obligation of aid and assistance by all the means in their power” in the case of an “armed aggression on its territory” against a Member State;
- France has invoked Article 42.7;

Condemns:

- in the strongest terms all acts of terrorism and politically motivated or sectarian violence in Europe and the rest of the world;
- all forms of attack including verbal aggression against the basic principles of modern democracy, provided that they do not hamper the freedom of the citizens living in the respective countries;

Rejects:

- the abuse of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris by populist parties and movements all over Europe, which only fits into the strategy of Daesh and other radical Islamic organisations as it radicalises parts of Islamic youth and support their recruitment strategies;
- the linking of the terror of Daesh and other Islamic terror organisations to migrants and asylum seekers and to any religious conviction;
- the attempt of some governments to reduce civil liberties and fundamental rights for the sake of stronger state control. Security and liberty cannot be exchanged for each other;

Calls for:

- the further development of the EU CFSP to an efficient and effective instrument;
- (financial) support of economically weak countries outside the European Union that receive refugees, without however compromising on political values;
- integration policies that effectively prevent the radicalisation of parts of all generations of the population;
- development cooperation with the Global South to strengthen the economy and democratic institution building

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- the safeguarding of fundamental freedoms, civil liberties and freedoms.

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