

### On the situation in Ukraine

The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party convening in Oslo, Norway on 9 May 2015:

Whereas:

\* the ALDE Party has declared its support for the Ukrainians, favours a stable and democratic Ukraine which respects the principles of the social market economy, the rule of law and human rights, protects minorities and guarantees fundamental rights;

\* Ukraine's domestic political stability, including a focus on internal reform and respect for the rule of law involving the establishment of fair, impartial and independent legal processes, is a prerequisite for the further development of relations between the EU and Ukraine according to the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine;

\* Continuing military invasion of Russia in Ukraine that causes significant victims and destruction, the violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and the resulting military conflict have had damaging effects on Ukraine's already precarious economic and financial stability, whereas the number of internally displaced persons in Ukraine is 1.1 million and the number of victims of the conflict in eastern Ukraine exceeded 6,000 people (according to the UN).

Noting that:

\* the European Parliament adopted legislative resolution of 25 March 2015 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council providing macro-financial assistance to Ukraine;

\* ALDE Party President Sir Graham Watson and leader of the ALDE Group Guy Verhofstadt, among other European liberal leaders have on many occasions publicly supported the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement and made a considerable effort to support the Ukrainian people.

Calls for:

\* the European Parliament and the European Commission, EU leaders to support Ukraine within the framework of the EU-Ukraine association agreement;

\* the European Parliament and the European Commission, EU leaders to proceed to towards the liberalisation of visa regime between the EU and Ukraine;

\* European institutions to support and monitor the reforms of the Ukrainian government and the President of Ukraine to consolidate democracy, decentralisation, stability and peace, using the experience and normative base of the EU;

\* the President and Prime Minister of Ukraine to ensure fair, open and scheduled local elections in order to represent the interests of people at all levels of local government;

\* International institutions to provide information and assistance to internally displaced persons and victims of war on the territory of Lugansk and Donetsk regions.

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