

Resolution on Eslovenia

The CDI-IDC:

- expresses serious concerns about the state of political and economic affairs in Slovenia after the new minority government took power in September of 2018. The government is composed of 5 small left and liberal-left parties, which were defeated during the last general elections, but are backed by the extreme Left party, formally in opposition. The party advocates Venezuelan socio-political system, praises communist dictators and opposes the NATO alliance. The government announced plans to impose high taxes on successful companies, and as a result, some of them have already moved their facilities to other countries.
- underlines the need for an impartial and independent Slovenian judiciary. In this context, there is the worry that the key institutions that were supposed to operate impartially, as guarantors of democracy and the rule of law, have in large part been turned into potent instruments of the old boys network - operating behind the governing left block – to stifle its political opposition.
- is furthermore concerned by the latest cases of persecution of independent media, journalists and the critical intellectuals, the goal of which has been to silence the government-critical public. The latest worrying case being the prosecution of dr. Tadej Strehovec, the secretary of the Slovenian Bishops Conference, who is being charged with hate speech due to his support of the Catholics who prayed for the unborn babies and advocating for the Catholic doctrine regarding abortion.
- emphasizes that ignoring the will of the people, convincingly expressed in last parliamentary elections, can lead to reduced confidence in the already weakened democratic processes and can cause long term political instability.
- reiterates its full support to the winner of the last general elections, president of the Slovenian democratic Party and former Prime Minister Janez Janša and is convinced that Slovenia needs the center-right government, led by the party with majority support, for more prosperous, democratic and healthy future.

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