

Resolution on the situation in Slovenia

The Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) maintains a vigilant eye on the political, social, and economic landscape of Slovenia. It is with grave concern that we address the actions undertaken by the current government following last year's elections. The IDC-CDI:

- Expresses profound concern regarding the inclusion of an extremist Left party within the current government coalition, which advocates for a socio-political system resembling that of Maduro's Venezuela and advocates for policies such as nationalization of private property, withdrawal from the NATO alliance and exit from the EMU, among other radical measures.
- Regrets the significant reversal of vital reforms introduced by the previous government, including tax reforms, long-term care provisions, healthcare procurement transparency, red-tape reduction, decentralization efforts, and numerous others, all of which adversely impact the well-being of ordinary citizens. It firmly believes that these regressive measures will exacerbate financial hardships, increase the burden on individuals, and undermine the country's competitiveness on the global stage.
- Notes that according to internationally comparable data, the media landscape in Slovenia is markedly imbalanced, with over 92% of all types of media outlets being left-wing and extreme left-wing oriented. Additionally, the only nationwide media outlet in Slovenia is the public RTV Slovenija, which is financed by taxpayers and should therefore be impartial in its political reporting. Is deeply concerned that the current coalition has passed a law seeking to take control of the RTV into the hands of the ruling party.
- Welcomes the fact that the Constitutional Court has temporarily suspended the enforcement of the law's most significant articles.
- Is alarmed that the current government coalition is not respecting the ruling of the Constitutional court and is preparing to dismiss the program council members of RTV Slovenija in a manner that flagrantly violates the constitution. Expresses deep dismay at the Prime Minister's threats of criminal prosecution against individuals expressing dissenting views on RTV Slovenia. Regards these actions as a blatant violation of the fundamental principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.
- Strongly condemns the government's both public and private exertion of pressure on the Constitutional Court, with the aim of influencing its decision regarding the RTV act.
- Expresses deep concern over the involvement of Věra Jourová, VP of the European Commission, who openly supported the amended RTV act proposed by the government and held a meeting with the president of the Constitutional Court of Slovenia merely ten days after the act was stayed due to suspicions of its unconstitutionality. In accordance

with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 on public access to the EU documents, urges EC VP Jourová to disclose all internal documents related to her mission in Slovenia. Furthermore, expresses deep concern over the lack of transparency displayed by the commissioner, who has censored five out of the six pages of her mission report and didn't disclose other internal documents. This deliberate omission raises serious alarm and undermines the principles of openness and accountability expected from a high-ranking European official.

- Is appalled by the fact that the government is directly pressuring individual journalists through police interrogations about their reporting. Strongly condemns the financial and psychological exhaustion inflicted upon media outlets critical of the government, as well as the intimidation of independent journalists. Furthermore, we emphasize that in a country where the pluralistic media landscape is being constrained and efforts to curtail freedom of speech are on the rise, it is increasingly evident that forms of authoritarianism are taking hold.
- Calls upon all relevant institutions in Slovenia to respect the constitution and the law, and immediately cease any political pressure on the leadership of RTV Slovenija and the Constitutional Court. Urges the European Commission to take all necessary measures to ensure that the Slovenian government respects the constitutional order and guarantees the pluralistic and independent functioning of RTV Slovenija.
- Expresses deep concern regarding the actions of the government, which is rekindling practices reminiscent of the totalitarian regime. Is specifically troubled by the government's practice to honor monuments and sites that commemorate the creation of the totalitarian Communist Party of Slovenia and are connected to the bloody communist revolution that culminated in the extrajudicial liquidations of tens of thousands at the end of the second World War as its continual violations of human rights until the very last day of its rule.
- Is profoundly shocked and dismayed by the government's recent decision to abolish the Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Communism on the eve of its commemoration. This decision threatens the integrity of historical remembrance and undermines the pursuit of justice for the victims and their families. It should be the duty of the government to uphold the values of truth, justice, and remembrance, preserving the memory of the victims of all totalitarian regimes and ensuring that such historical injustices are not forgotten and repeated. Notes that the timing of this decision, on the eve of the commemoration, has further intensified the concerns and sparked public outrage.
- Calls upon the government to abandon its undemocratic behavior and focus instead on addressing the genuine concerns of the people.