



Statement on the Unfair and Unfree Elections in Belarus on 26 January 2025

The Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) expresses its profound concern and firm rejection of the results of today's elections in Belarus, which we consider to be neither free nor fair. The electoral process has been conducted in an environment of widespread repression, with opposition leaders silenced, independent media muzzled, and the Belarusian people denied their basic democratic rights.

In alignment with the position of the European Union and the EU High Representative Kaja Kallas, we strongly condemn the illegitimacy of this process, which fails to respect international standards of democracy and the rule of law. These elections represent yet another step in the erosion of democratic principles under the current regime, perpetuating the suffering and disenfranchisement of the Belarusian people.

The IDC-CDI stands in solidarity with the people of Belarus in their struggle for freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights. We call on the international community to increase its efforts to support democratic forces in Belarus and to hold accountable those responsible for suppressing the legitimate aspirations of its citizens.

The future of Belarus must be decided by its people, in a transparent and democratic manner. We reaffirm our commitment to supporting their fight for a free and democratic Belarus.

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