



Resolution condemning the deteriorating conditions ahead of the presidential elections in Madagascar

The first round of the presidential election in Madagascar is scheduled for 9 November 2023, preparations are taking place; however the IDC-CDI notices that the government is currently violating several laws and regulations, thus deteriorating the conditions ahead of the election:

- Violation of freedom of assembly : the interior minister issued a note banning political gatherings that are taking place outside of an indoors and enclosed venue; the MMM took the matter to the court but the court dismissed the case on a technicality; this constitutes a violation of International pacts to which Madagascar adheres;
- Violation of parliamentary rights: outside of any legal framework, members of the Executive branch convened an illegal meeting with MPs and forced them to withdraw a motion of censure against the Prime minister; separation of powers which is an essential element of Democracy is non-existent;
- Lack of transparency in the preparation of the election: municipal elections are supposed to take place with the second round of presidential election on 20 December 2023, there is no preparation for these elections as the government and the CENI (electoral commission) are only focusing on the first round of the presidential election ;
- Violation of laws in the overhaul of the voters' list :
 - the software used by the CENI to overhaul and manage the voters' list was designed unilaterally and the request by the MMM for an independent audit on the software was ignored ;
 - Insufficient funds
 - Delay in equipment deliveries
 - Violations of regulations and procedures during the census, insufficient training for CENI staff, lack of transparency;

In summary:

The Constitution is violated by the courts and even the High constitutional court (HCC) itself because they use the fallacy of a technicality to dismiss an issue pertaining to freedom of assembly, which is an essential element of Democracy.

We strongly fear that the election will not take place in a conducive atmosphere because the CENI violates the laws and regulations in the overhaul of the voters' list, as a result, about one third of the voters are left out.

In conclusion, Madagascar is moving further away from Democracy.

In order to see a conducive atmosphere for free, transparent and democratic elections, as needed by the IDC-CDI, the MMM and the people of Madagascar,

We exhort the government of Madagascar to cease all violation of the Constitution regarding freedom of assembly and the CENI to respect all laws and regulations on the preparation of the elections.

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Resolution on infusing the world's geopolitical and economic power structures with ethical and humanitarian values through the G20 Religion Forum (R20), in keeping with the vision and traditions of IDC-EDI

- Recognizing that the Group of 20 (G20) is one of the world's most influential intergovernmental forums;
- Noting that the primary objectives of the G20 are:
 - to promote financial stability as well as economic growth;
 - to address diverse geopolitical challenges; and
 - to provide a multilateral platform and forum for global collaboration;
- Considering that the G20 constitutes a unique annual platform to engage, and influence, the world's geopolitical and economic power structures;
- Aware of the significant role of CDI member parties in establishing the G20 and shaping its agenda to the present day;
- Recalling, and reaffirming, the philosophical and spiritual roots of Centrist Democrat International, which lie within the traditions of Western humanism and Christian democracy;
- Deeply conscious of the pivotal role played by Christian democracy in establishing key elements of the post-World War II international order, including the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the European Union;
- Noting with profound concern a wide range of global challenges facing humanity, such as environmental degradation, natural and man-made disasters, poverty, unemployment, displaced persons, extremism, and terrorism;
- Calls for consistently including the aspects of human rights, especially the right to freedom of religion worldwide as fundamental topic in bilateral and multilateral diplomatic actions.
- Considering that an effective response to these challenges has been rendered more difficult by rivalry between and among major powers and the resurgence of identity-based conflict worldwide, as well as by the erosion of public commitment to ethical and spiritual values that are essential to the wellbeing of individuals and societies;
- Realizing that the legitimacy and effectiveness of the G20, and other international institutions, depend upon favorable public opinion and are threatened by negative sentiment;
- Acknowledging the existence of anti-globalist and anti-capitalist narratives, which frequently depict such institutions as elitist, unaccountable, and opposed to the common welfare of humanity;
- Bearing in mind the tendency for politics and economics to function as amoral realms, divorced from ethical and spiritual values;

- Viewing with concern heightened geopolitical rivalry, deepening cultural divides within and between societies, and the spread of violent conflicts that threaten the very foundations of the post-war international order, which has given rise to a nearly eight-decade interval of global peace and prosperity without precedent in world history;
- Appreciating that religions — at their best — inculcate universal ethics and humanitarian values that foster the common good, while moderating the *libido dominandi*, or will to power;
- Accepting the transcendent as essential part of overall human thinking, directly and indirectly determining universal morality, culture and way of life.
- Taking note of the social significance of religious communities and their faithful as an ultimate reality, effectively contributing to preserving peace and preventing conflicts.
- Recognizing the potential for religious leaders to help unite, rather than divide, humanity based on shared moral and spiritual values;
- Noting with appreciation that in 2022 the world’s largest Muslim organization, Nahdlatul Ulama, founded the G20 Religion Forum (R20) in conjunction with Indonesia’s Presidency of the G20;
- Noting further that the R20 functions as an inclusive, cross-cultural platform designed to infuse the world’s political and economic power structures with moral and spiritual values;
- Lauding President Joko Widodo, the Government of Indonesia, and CDI member party PKB for incorporating the R20 into the official program of G20 Main Events in 2022, and for hosting the R20 Summit in Bali two weeks before the 17th annual G20 Heads of State and Government Summit, which also took place in Nusa Dua, Bali;
- Recognizing the official status held by a variety of permanent Engagement Groups within the G20, including B20 (Business), C20 (Civil Society Organizations), L20 (Labor), P20 (Parliament), S20 (Science), SAI20 (Supreme Audit Institutions), T20 (Think Tanks), U20 (Urban), W20 (Women), and Y20 (Youth);
- Taking into consideration that religious believers constitute the single largest demographic within the human family, whose share of the global population is estimated to exceed 80%;
- Recognizing that history provides countless examples of both positive and negative behavior legitimized by religion;
- Noting with approval that the R20 explicitly seeks to “ensure that religion functions as a genuine and dynamic source of solutions, rather than problems,” on the world stage.

The CDI:

- Affirms the value of the R20 as a means of providing a seat at the G20 table for religious communities and their leaders;
- Calls upon its member parties, and all G20 Member States, to cooperate in securing recognition of the R20 as a permanent G20 Engagement Group;



- Encourages its member parties to join Nahdlatul Ulama and the Government of Indonesia in facilitating “the emergence of a global movement, in which people of goodwill of every faith and nation will help bring the world’s geopolitical and economic power structures into alignment with the highest moral and spiritual values, for the sake of all humanity” (Kyai Haji Yahya Cholil Staquf, General Chairman of the Nahdlatul Ulama Central Board and Founding Chairman of the R20).

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Resolution on promoting democratic values and cultural corridors cooperation in Asia and beyond

We, member parties of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI), gather today in Bled, Republic of Slovenia, to discuss international cooperation and solidarity and reaffirm our strong commitment to uphold the centrist democratic values in the promotion of peace, security and socio-economic progress for the people around the world.

We underscore the necessity for securing peace, freedom and democracy in Asia, including the Mekong sub-region and ASEAN at large.

With respect to solidarity and aspirations, we hereby collect our strengths and synergy to promote cooperation and friendship among Asian political parties that drive collective actions and concerted efforts as follows:

1. We call on mutual support and cooperation among our CDI global family to protect and promote democracy in the world that fits with domestic cultures and the rule of law of each individual countries and in line with the law of the nation. In this connection, the Cambodia People's Party calls for enhanced democratic governance in the Mekong and ASEAN at large, such as through running regular democratic elections and maintaining a healthy democratic space for all. Along this line, we invite the members of the CDI global family to participate in the parliamentary election in July 2023 in the Kingdom of Cambodia so as to help further advance the centrist democratic values and to enhance the democratization process of Cambodia, to promote global solidarity and constructive relationships of all friendly parties.
2. Furthermore, we call for peaceful solutions to the ongoing crises in Myanmar that have become immensely destructive to the health, wellbeing, peace, security and development of the people of Myanmar. In this regard, we call on the conflicting parties in Myanmar to fully implement the Five Points Consensus and the recent statement of reiterated commitment adopted at the conclusion of Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship 2022. In essence, they must resort to utmost tolerance and nonviolence, so as to achieve peace with win-win outcomes for all that stand on the ground of putting the safety, security and wellbeing of the people of Myanmar the front and center at all times. We further support the aspirations of the people of Myanmar to solve the Myanmar crises by the people of Myanmar, and thus they must seek peace and own their win-win solutions in due course without further prolongation and escalation.
3. We take pride in the remarkable success of the 32nd Southeast Asian Games (32nd SEA Games) hosted for the first time in 64 years by the CPP-led Royal Government of Cambodia, which has been made possible only by peace and in peacetime. We recognize the significance of this regional sports event of 700 million people in ASEAN as a platform that further enhances people-to-people relations, trust-building, and cultural connectivity among different civilizations of the ASEAN member countries and beyond, and the foundation of lasting peace. Along this line, we call for further promoting of cultural corridors cooperation among the CDI global family in different regions and continents to connect the civilizations through sports and arts on the basis of mutual respect, mutual trust, inclusiveness and peaceful co-existence.

Resolution on the migration crisis in Mexico

The Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) expresses its concern over the systematic violation of human rights against migrants in Mexico, namely:

1. According to figures from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) of the United Nations, in 2022, Mexico became the main migrant country of origin and destination, resulting in an unprecedented crisis, primarily on the US-Mexican border.
2. The Lopez Obrador administration, along with the administration of former-US President, Donald Trump, implemented the Migrant Protection Protocol, also known as the “Quédate en Mexico” (*Remain in Mexico*) program. According to data from *Trac Immigration*, between February 2019 and August 2022, a total of 81,350 migrants were returned to Mexico.
3. Thus far in 2023, the migration crisis on the northern border of Mexico has worsened due to a lack of migration policies. Since January of this year, at least 30,000 migrants have been received monthly, resulting in a lack of conditions to guarantee their safety and life.
4. On March 27, 40 migrants from Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Venezuela lost their lives in a fire in a detention center of the National Institute of Migration (INM), mainly due to lack of protocols, uncovering the inhuman conditions in which the migrants were living.
5. Despite this, and the apparent governmental response to clarify the events and ensure that justice be served for all families, the director of the National Migration Institute continues to head the agency, even though the Attorney General’s Office has linked him to the case given his failure to monitor and protect the migrants.
6. At the IDC – CDI, we urge Mexico to take the necessary actions to cease the serious human rights violations to which these migrants are being subjected and to ensure that these situations do not reoccur.

Resolution on the current situation in Nicaragua

The IDC-CDI expresses its concern over the situation of human rights and democracy in Nicaragua, five years after the serious violence occurring in April 2018, which resulted in over 300 deaths, mostly young students.

Currently:

- Repression continues to increase, against large sections of the population, including Catholic nuns, priests, and bishops.
- International isolation increases, suspending diplomatic relations with the Vatican and rejecting the credentials of the new EU ambassador.
- Serious human rights violations, documented by the UN expert group, continue to occur.

The current situation is unsustainable, and a political solution must be reached. Therefore, the Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI), is making the following demands of the Ortega y Murillo government:

- The immediate release of Bishop Rolando Alvarez and other political prisoners from the penitentiary.
- The end of repression and the restoration of civil liberties.
- The holding of free, fair, and transparent elections, with international guarantees.
- Once the Supreme Electoral Council has been restructured with independent judges, the inclusion of the reforms suggested by the European Union and the Organization of American States in electoral law and the restoration of the legal status of the three opposition political parties that were canceled in 2021, including the center-right Conservative Party (CP).

Draft resolution on the politicization of the EU-CELAC Summit to be held in Brussels in July 2023

Proposed by the IDC-CDI

Given that the upcoming summit between the European Union (EU) and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) will take place in Brussels from 17-18 July 2023, coinciding with the rotating Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) denounces:

- That leaders of the numerous Latin American leftist governments will take advantage of this summit to whitewash their image in Europe, presenting a more coherent and moderate false image;
- That the government of Pedro Sanchez will take advantage of the rotating Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the July 2023 EU-CELAC Summit to be held in Brussels, in view of the Spanish general elections, jeopardizing the democratic principles that govern the EU's foreign relations to benefit its authoritarian partners in Latin America.

Therefore, the Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) requests that center-right governments:

- Work together to prevent authoritarian and populist governments from presenting an image outside their region that differs from the reality being experienced in their countries;
- Halt the influence of the São Paulo Forum and the Puebla Group, which are the foundation of and financial source of Latin American populism;
- Allow us to raise our voice before the manipulation being exercised by the left, taking advantage of its position of power and visibility, to its own benefit.

Because, only if we work together can we guarantee the values and principles of respect for democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights of citizens, who deserve transparent governments that work for the benefit of the country and its citizens and not for the sake of left-wing populist rulers and governments seeking to weaken democratic institutions to remain in power at all costs.

Resolution on the situation in Cuba

The IDC-CDI strongly condemns the lack of freedom in Cuba and the persistent systematic repression against dissenters of the communist regime. It denounces that over recent years, the Cuban government has enabled itself with various legal instruments, including a new criminal code, to repress the exercising of human rights, including those included in the socialist Constitution itself.

The IDC-CDI demands the immediate and unconditional release of over one thousand political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, including minors, elderly and the ill, who are currently being held in Cuban prisons.

The IDC-CDI is greatly concerned by the lack of a federal response to the impoverishment being suffered by most Cuban families, the food crisis, the serious situation of the health system, and other social problems, which, along with the repression, have left millions of Cubans desperate to emigrate. The people of Cuba are experiencing a suffocating present and a disturbing lack of future.

Within this crisis context, the IDC-CDI denounces that the Cuban government is investing more money in the hotel industry than in sectors that are essential to the life of its people, such as health and agriculture.

The IDC-CDI warns Latin American citizens that the so-called “Cuban model” should not be imitated or implemented in the region.

The IDC-CDI calls on the democratic governments of Europe and Latin America participating in the upcoming EU-CELAC Summit of Heads of State and Government in Brussels next July, to demand that totalitarian and authoritarian regimes such as those of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela, respect human rights and cease to undermine democratic principles and values in third countries of the region. Likewise, these countries should be urged to immediately halt their support of Russia in its invasion of Ukraine, as a sign of international peace and stability.

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Resolution on United in Solidarity with Ukraine: defending democratic values against Putin's war

Russia's military aggression against Ukraine changed our world overnight. Putin's unprovoked war threatens global security — along with that of the international order itself, and with it world peace. Ukrainians are not only fighting and even sacrificing their lives to defend their homeland and Ukraine's independence; they are bravely fighting on behalf of that same democracy and peace the free world enjoys. Putin's Russia does not respect basic international values and principles: such as peace, respect for territorial integrity, sovereignty and restraint in not resorting to military aggression to settle political disputes. Since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the EU and its Member States, together with allies and partners around the world, have taken decisive steps to implement far-reaching sanctions intended to isolate Putin's regime, to restrain the economic resources of Russia's war machine and to give political, economic and military support to counter the threats to Ukrainian statehood.

We have been shocked and horrified by the images of Ukrainian civilians killed as they tried to flee or buried beneath the rubble of bombed hospitals or houses, and most of all by the Russian atrocities committed in Bucha and elsewhere in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. The Putin regime's war crimes cannot go unpunished. We will never accept these atrocities against people and blatant violations of the international law, the UN Charter and the principles enshrined in the 1975 Helsinki Final Act. We strongly support the 2 March 2022 United Nations General Assembly resolution condemning Russia's invasion and demonstrating the unity of the international community. Sanctions must be comprehensive and effective. There can be no return to a status-quo in relations with Russia unless there is a total withdrawal of troops from Ukraine and a fundamental change of attitude in Russia towards their neighbors.

From the very first days of the invasion, the Lukashenka regime in Belarus has provided full support for the Russian military advance against Ukraine, especially granting the use of Belarusian airports and bases for missile and air bombing of the northern part of Ukraine, as well as the use of the Belarusian border with Ukraine for the advance of the Russian armed forces towards Kyiv. Without such support the war crimes in Bucha, Borodyanka, Irpin and dozens of other towns and villages near the capital of Ukraine would have never happened. We must hold Lukashenka's regime fully accountable and responsible for the Russian atrocities in Ukraine.

Hence, in addition to providing vital immediate support to Ukraine, we must re-assess long-term strategy towards both Russia and Ukraine.

Russia's war in Ukraine is a threat to our international democracies; to our 'security, prosperity and values; and to the rules-based international order itself. As the war on European territory continues, we face a pivotal moment: If we want to effectively deter authoritarian powers encroaching on our democracies — and to defend peace and democratic values together with our partners and allies — now is the time for firm and brave action.

Resolution on the current situation in Lebanon

- A. Whereas the current situation in Lebanon is extremely alarming and deeply concerning due to the political, economic, social and financial crisis.
- B. Whereas the presence of more than one and a half million Syrians drained the Lebanese economy and largely contributed to its multi-dimensional crisis.
- C. Whereas, the presence of these Syrian people constitute a real danger on Lebanon demography (4 million Lebanese residents) and a threat to its fragile population equilibrium.
- D. Whereas a stable, fully sovereign and democratic Lebanon is of crucial importance for the stability, security and peaceful development of the Middle East and the region at large.
- E. Whereas the current delay of the election of the President of the country delays the necessary democratic, economic and social reforms which enabled extremist and foreign powers to gain political influence in the country;
- F. Whereas the political instability, Beirut Port explosions, the protracted Syrian crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, the depreciation of the national currency, in addition to global reduced funding for Lebanon, have impacted access to education in the country, and it is estimated that 662 000 Lebanese and 715 000 Syrian school-aged children are considered in need of support to access basic services in Lebanon;

The Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI):

- 1. Stresses that the political elite of Lebanon carries a responsibility for the current crises and urgent election of the President of the country as well as addressing structural corruption are needed to restore international confidence in the country, further notes that swift election of the President is essential to prevent foreign interference; Notes that restoring international confidence and credibility of Lebanon on the international stage is necessary to further scale up humanitarian assistance for Lebanon;
- 2. Calls on the international Community to help Lebanon to secure, in the shortest delay, a safe and dignified return of all Syrian displaced back to Syria.
- 3. Stresses the fact that Lebanon in the current multidimensional crisis is not able to sustainably address the needs of displaced people from Syria, calls on the international community to use all available means to secure dignified life of Syrian people in Syria;
- 4. Encourages the reinforcement of the consensual and plural democracy of Lebanon; the only viable solution to preserve and maintain Lebanon's sustainability.



Resolution on Global Security, Peace and Freedom

The Centrist Democratic International (IDC-EDI) expresses its deep concern regarding the current global situation, which poses significant challenges to peace, security, justice and freedom. The IDC-EDI firmly believes that there can be no lasting peace without justice and no security without peace, therefore we:

1. Emphasize that peace is a fundamental right for all individuals, and every sovereign state must fulfill its obligation to maintain peace within its borders and work for it globally. We urge states and the international community to prevent any potential disputes that may disturb peace. If conflicts arise, parties should seek to resolve them through peaceful means, as outlined in the UN Charter.
2. Suggest that in cases where a state fails to maintain peace, the international community, particularly the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), should carefully observe the situation and take appropriate measures to restore peace and security. We deplore the ongoing domestic and international conflicts worldwide and encourage the strengthening of international law to prevent and end such disputes.
3. Strongly condemn the Russian aggression against a sovereign Ukraine and the atrocities committed. We urge the international community to explore new solutions within the existing legal framework and use international institutions such as the UN and ICC to hold aggressors accountable. We call on Russia to withdraw its forces from the Ukrainian territory and end the unprovoked war.
4. Express concerns about the tension between China and Taiwan and stress that any unilateral action by China would be a grave mistake. Taiwan is a crucial strategic partner, and partnerships with Taiwan strengthen global cooperation. We urge China to avoid any conflict and make smart decisions that benefit both sides. We remind China that any conflict would harm its economy, strength, and security.
5. Deplore the ongoing violence in Sudan and urge state authorities to fulfill their primary responsibility of protecting civilians in their territory. We warn that failure to do so may result in a devastating civil war.
6. Advocate for preventing conflicts in the first place and using the numerous tools provided by international law and institutions to guarantee global peace. We call on national and international authorities to reform these tools and ensure their effective implementation to address existing shortcomings.
7. Stress that achieving peace is crucial. A peaceful world will promote prosperity and reduce poverty, particularly in the Global South. Peace is a precondition for different forms of humanitarian and development aid from developed countries and international organizations to be used effectively and on time.



With respect to the Resolution on promoting solidarity and respect among the diverse people, cultures and nations of the world, adopted by the IDC-CDI Executive Committee on October 1st, 2020, and in light of the increasing gap between declared principles and reality, which is exacerbating general insecurity and a crisis of trust, IDC-CDI:

1. Is committed to promoting the strengthening of values that are grounded in fundamental principles such as life, family, dignity, freedom, property, and prosperity. These values serve as a civilizational cultural code that affirms tradition, history, and historical memory, while also enabling a forward-looking focus on the future. By upholding these values, IDC aims to contribute to the development of a more free, just and prosperous society, grounded in a deep appreciation for the cultural and historical heritage of its people.
2. Calls for consistent respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as the protection of the moral and/or cultural values of all individuals. Their comprehensive implementation prevents intolerance and divisiveness and enables the inclusion of diversity.
3. Warns of the dangers of the old and new extreme interpretations of the world with the goal to radically change our way of life as it has been gradually shaped over centuries. Invasive practices that are produced or supported by extremist regimes, radical political frameworks such as Sao Paulo Forum and international criminal networks (such as drug cartels, criminal networks for human trafficking, etc.) also threaten our culture and way of life from the outside.
4. Supports the gradual green transition and at the same time warns against the so-called green ideology, which ruins the very economic foundations needed for a reasonable transition, putting in danger especially small and medium-sized enterprises and putting many hardworking families at risk.
5. Underlines the ultimate importance of freedom of expression. There is no democracy if the freedom of expression of every individual is not respected and protected. Promoting transparency, accountability, and the free flow of information in society and globally is at the same time essential as the main tool to increase resistance to disinformation.

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Resolution on the current situation in Colombia

The IDC-EDI expresses its deep concern over the future of democracy in Colombia, a nation which, until now, boasted one of the most solid and long-lasting democratic systems of Latin America.

The current government, which is clearly leftist, is making an alarming demonstration of its intent to shift the country to a rigid, populist system, inspired by Marxist doctrines that have ruined other Latin American countries, suppressing the fundamental freedoms and rights of their people.

Over recent months, the government has paralyzed mandatory cocaine crop eradication programs, resulting in an unprecedented increase in the areas used to cultivate this deadly product. At the same time, it is negotiating with drug lords to reach agreements permitting the legalization of their fortunes and subjecting them to fictitious sanctions that are little more than dressed-up displays of impunity. Furthermore, legal landowners are being threatened with the loss of their property due to expedited and summary proceedings that violate the fundamental rights to private property and due process as recognized by the Constitution.

The threat of violence exists if the Colombian Congress and Constitutional Court do not clear the way for an economic and social reform plan promoted by the government. The country's population emphatically rejects this reform which threatens their freedoms, health systems, pension plans and labour laws. Meanwhile, the unexplained removal of dozens of generals of the armed forces and national police force has strongly affected the moral of troops and national security forces, while simultaneously increasing insecurity across the country. And in rural areas, armed militia groups are growing under the state's complacency and even encouragement.

The political parties forming the IDC-EDI will be attentive and vigilant and, if necessary, they will close ranks to defend Colombia's democracy. Its cause is our cause. We stand with the democrats of Colombia.

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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.

Resolution to support voices in exile.

In the wake of the deteriorating human rights situation and shrinking democratic space where academics, democracy activists and members of opposition parties are forced out of their countries it becomes crucial for international organisations to support voices in exile. For example, in February Ortega's regime in Nicaragua stripped hundreds of political opponents of their citizenship rights forcing many into exile, similarly the Lukashenko regime in Belarus is setting a new law in place which forces opposition parties to register every party member, which puts the lives of the opposition members in danger and leaves them with little other choice but to continue political activities in exile. Friends of democracy thus must understand the critical role of supporting these voices in exile.

The CDI-IDC therefore:

- 1) Encourages policymakers on different levels to request regular hearings on the current situation in authoritarian, undemocratic and repressive states.
- 2) Underlines the importance of prioritizing and expediting the granting of residence permits to politicians in exile.
- 3) Calls for actions to be taken in order to diminish the excessive bureaucratic measures curtailing the day-to-day life of political activists living in exile.
- 4) Stresses the importance of support to civil society organizations in exile. Ensuring that these organizations are self-sufficient in the long run is vital to the cause of democracy in their respective countries.
- 5) Acknowledges the need for legal assistance to political activists that are stripped of their legal and civil rights.

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Resolution on the Protection of Democracy in Armenia

- Recalling its commitment to upholding democratic principles, human rights, and the rule of law,
- Recognizing the obstruction of participation of Armen Ashotyan, Vice President of the Republican Party of Armenia, in an international political event, as an attack on participatory democracy,
- Emphasizing the importance of the multi-party political system in fostering an inclusive society,
- Stressing that international relations serve as a crucial arena of activity for any political force, enabling cooperation, dialogue, and the advancement of shared goals,

The CDI:

- Condemns the fabrication of criminal cases for political reasons, considering them to be unacceptable and contrary to the principles of justice and the rule of law.
- Firmly asserts that the decision made by the law enforcement system to pursue politically motivated cases against rivals is a manifestation of pressure on political competitors and directly contradicts the democratic values and principles that should guide such institutions.
- Emphasizes the importance of law enforcement bodies maintaining impartiality in their actions.
- Calls upon the authorities of Armenia to immediately put an end to the unjustified practice of using criminal cases for political purposes.
- Expresses full solidarity with the Republican Party of Armenia (RPA) and stands united in the defense of political freedom.
- Reaffirms that the activities of political competitors should not be hindered, as open and fair competition is vital for a healthy political environment,
- Remains actively engaged in promoting democratic values, defending the integrity of the political process, and working towards the advancement of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Armenia and around the world.