

# IDC-CDI statement on the violence in Albania's protests

The Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI)

Expresses its deep concern about the escalation of the situation in Albania which are culmination of people's distrust of corrupt government, lack of rule of law and narco-state. The right to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression are cornerstones of every democratic society.

Authorities must refrain from aggression and disproportionate violence against protesters. We reject any type of violence against minors, journalists, students, women and elders, use of excessive tear gas and rubber bullets.

Nothing can excuse indiscriminate force. From the Centrist Democrat International we call on authorities to make those responsible for abuses accountable. Albania deserves a democratic government with accountable institutions that assure socio and economic stability.

Reaffirms that the rights of freedom of expression and political participation are fundamental democratic freedoms that must be fully respected and protected.

Calls on authorities to engage in genuine democratic dialogue for the formation of a caretaking government through constitutional procedures, with a limited mandate to prepare free democratic elections.

Also reaffirms CDI's commitment to supporting the people of Albania in their pursuit of democracy, together with the Albanian's young people, which deserves a voice in shaping their nation's future.

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