

## **Towards a New Asylum and Migration Policy for Europe**

The Alliance of European Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Oslo, Norway on 8-9 May 2015  
Expresses

- its deep regret and sorrow at the tragic loss of life in the Mediterranean.

Notes that

- in the last weeks more than one thousand migrants have died, with more than 30 000 potential fatalities in the Mediterranean over the course of this year;
- the existing asylum system is based on the Dublin Regulation that puts significant pressure on member states.

Considers that

- the large numbers of migrants dying in the Mediterranean trying to reach the shores of Europe have shown that the current EU asylum system needs a fundamental rethink;
- the 10-point plan announced by European Commission and the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Ministers of the Interior and the conclusions of the European Council of 23 April 2015 are disappointing;
- individual European member states and local and regional authorities are not able to tackle the enormous flow of illegal migration on their own;

Calls on

- member states and the EU to replace the Dublin system by a EU distribution system that would allocate refugees between member states based on a range of factors including their population size and economic performance;
- member states to expand the mandate of Frontex so as to carry out effective search and rescue missions at sea;
- member states and the EU to ensure that asylum seekers are able to file a request at European embassies around the world;
- member states and the EU to develop a new European policy on economic migration that creates safe and legal entry possibilities for asylum seekers as well as proper return and re-admission mechanisms. Economic migration schemes of countries such as Australia and Canada, where the needs of the labour market are matched by the supply of talent worldwide could serve as an example for such a new European policy.
- the Bureau to present a resolution at the Congress in Budapest for further in-depth discussion.

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