

## **Towards a Europe stronger and more self-sufficient in security, energy, and food**

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Stockholm, Sweden on 26-28 May 2023:

### **Recognises:**

- that one of the aims of the European Union is to promote peace and stability as well as sustainable development within Europe as well as beyond;
- that the war in Ukraine exposed Europe's dependence on fossil fuels, in particular on Russian natural gas and oil;
- that research and innovation, together with the green and digital transitions are at the core of European decision-making and continue to play a crucial role as we move toward a more self-sufficient and strategically autonomous Europe;
- that sustainable growth is created by small companies as well as large corporations;
- that thriving rural areas go hand-in-hand with food security provided by a sustainable and resilient food supply chain.
- that New Genomic Technologies (NGT) could play an important role in achieving the objectives of the Green Deal, believing that it is important to lead an open and science-based discussion on NGTs, and that legal clarity is urgent and necessary, to ensure that also SMEs can be competitive in this highly technological field.

### **Calls for:**

- Europe to reduce its dependencies on a single or few suppliers, and resilience especially in the areas of security, energy and food;
- the EU to have a stronger decision-making and operational capacity;
- further investments in EU defence cooperation, which complement the capabilities of NATO;
- ensuring the principle of technology neutrality when making investment plans and decisions in the area of green transition;
- Europe to strengthen its energy security by increasing its own clean energy related research, innovation and production, as well as intra-European cooperation to take into account that sustainable bio-based solutions also play an important role in tackling climate change;
- reducing unnecessary bureaucracy and speeding up the clean energy transition, including in bio-based economy projects in Europe when foodstock does not serve other purposes;

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- broader recognition that food production in Europe, which guarantees safe and healthy foodstuff for all Europeans, is increasingly important and a central issue in the EU's agriculture and food policy, notable the legislative framework and the funding sources;
- the EU to embrace new technologies like NGTs and to create a balanced and effective regulatory approach that adequately protects human health and environment, provides fair information for farmers, consumers and retailers, but also allows to gather benefits from these NGTs;
- promoting strategically more focused cohesion policies, including in areas such as infrastructure, keeping in mind the increased importance of security of supply and differing national and geographic circumstances.
- sending this resolution to the EU Commissioner for agriculture and to the Renew Europe Group in the European Parliament.

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