

Welcoming the Windsor Framework

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

Notes:

- The conclusion of the Good Friday (Belfast) Agreement twenty five years ago which has led to a stable and peaceful society in Northern Ireland;
- The referendum in the United Kingdom on withdrawal from membership of the European Union and the subsequent Withdrawal Agreement and Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom;
- The Northern Ireland Protocol which is designed to prevent a hard border on the island of Ireland and protect the EU's internal market;
- The attempts by the Government of the United Kingdom to pass legislation to override provisions of international law set out in the Northern Ireland Protocol;
- That despite pledging that "there is no threat to the Erasmus scheme" on 15 January 2020, the UK Government announced less than a year later that the UK would be leaving the Erasmus+ Programme.
- That many non-EU states continue to participate in EU-affiliated peripheral schemes.
- The need for stability and certainty, which are so important for Northern Ireland.

Welcomes:

- The conclusion of the Windsor Framework to simplify application of many of the provisions of the Northern Ireland Protocol.

Calls for:

- The maintenance of a close relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union, with the possibility of the United Kingdom fully rejoining the EU without special privileges.
- The immediate return of the Northern Ireland institutions so that the Executive can fulfil the mandate they were given in the last election;
- Acceleration of discussions between the UK and the EU to enable the UK to participate in European agencies and programmes, such as the Europol and Euratom schemes, the Horizon Europe research programme and the Erasmus+ programme for education, training,

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youth, and sport, in the same way as any other non-EU member, at the earliest possible convenience;

- Revision of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement to extend and simplify cooperation in areas such as trade, energy, security, and defence between the UK and the EU for the benefit of our continent and its citizens;
- Member Parties to support work and develop initiatives at local and national levels to improve relationships between the UK and the EU.

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