

# A Humanitarian Approach to EU Migration Policies in the Mediterranean

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3 The Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party  
4 convening in Bucharest, Romania on the 21st of October 2023:

### 5 **Notes that:**

- 6 • the recent worrying announcement by the European Commission regarding support  
7 for the implementation of the memorandum of understanding signed on 16 July with  
8 the Tunisian authorities, with a migration aid package amounting to  
9 approximately 127 million Euro;
- 10 • the huge number of deaths recorded in the Mediterranean in the last year, 1,680  
11 according to UNHCR estimates, highlighting the lack of political will that has  
12 led to such tragedies;
- 13 • the strong emphasis placed on the repression of illegal trafficker networks in  
14 cooperation with Tunisia, as reported by the spokesperson of the community  
15 executive;

### 16 **Believes that:**

- 17 • the importance of ensuring that every agreement or initiative undertaken by the  
18 EU respects and promotes the rights and well-being of all individuals involved,  
19 in the hope of overcoming the Dublin Regulation;

### 20 **Welcomes:**

- 21 • von der Leyen's proposal for a new European search and rescue mission without  
22 violating the principle of non-refoulement;

### 23 **Urges the European Commission:**

- 24 • to ensure that every agreement or funding provided fully respects human rights  
25 and EU principles;
- 26 • to stick to a humanitarian approach to migration;
- 27 • to reconsider the current emphasis on repression and to develop a joint strategy  
28 that values the security, dignity, and rights of people on the move;
- 29 • to make sure the European Union maintains its commitments and fundamental values  
30 in terms of human rights and solidarity, in compliance with the 1951 Geneva  
31 Convention that guarantees reception to people fleeing conflicts and persecution

### 32 **Urges Member States:**

- 33 • To ease resettlements and reunifications, promote competent integration into the  
34 workforce, and receive migrants promptly relocated within the EU to discourage  
35 illegal departures and trafficking, focusing on faster asylum processes.