

## Call for Democracy in Iran

The European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party, convening in Barcelona, Catalonia on 19th and 20th November 2009:

### Notes:

- Whereas, since the presidential election in June 2009, the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran has deteriorated dramatically, with an escalation of violence leading to a climate of fear, far beyond its internationally recognised borders;
- Whereas, those who take a stand in defence of democracy and human rights are harassed, persecuted and killed.

### And:

- Affirms the universality of human rights and the necessity of democratic, free and fair elections;
- Declares support for all Iranian citizens who embrace the values of freedom, democracy, human rights, civil liberties and the rule of law;
- Condemns the ongoing violence by the pro-government militias, as well as the ongoing surveillance of citizens' communications through the Internet and mobile phones;
- Firmly believes that the monitoring and storage of citizens' communications in the Islamic Republic of Iran must be laid down by law in line with respect for fundamental rights and freedoms;
- Notes that the Islamic Republic of Iran has ratified conventions on human rights, and calls on the Iranian authorities to respect the international commitment assumed with these ratifications and immediately to release all "political prisoners".

### Calls upon:

- The president of the Islamic Republic of Iran to fully respect human rights, the rule of law and civil rights;
- The member parties to actively support democracy in Iran in their political work.

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- Governments which are engaged in negotiations with Iran to affirm that normal relations with the international community are conditional on ending executions of child offenders.

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