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3 The Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE Party)
4 convening in Bucharest, Romania, on 20-21 October 2023:

5 **Strongly condemns** the recent unprecedented and heinous attack by the Hamas terrorist
6 group on Israel on 7 October and is appalled by the resulting tragedy and human
7 suffering.

8 **Recognises that:**

- 9 • Israel's right of existence is not negotiable and it has a right under
10 international law to defend its territory and an obligation to safeguard its
11 citizens and free its hostages;
- 12 • terror can never be justified;
- 13 • many innocent Israelis and innocent Palestinians have already been killed since
14 the current conflict started;
- 15 • basic necessities such as food, water, medical supplies and electricity are
16 limited in Gaza;
- 17 • peace negotiations between Israel and Palestine have been stalled for many years
18 and that this a threat to the stability in the broader region. We are concerned
19 at the wider implications that this current conflict might spread in the Middle
20 East and the world.
- 21 • there is a rise in antisemitic and anti-Muslim incidents taking place across
22 Europe.

23 **Believes that:**

- 24 • the people of Israel and Palestine have a right to live free from fear;
- 25 • it is vital that terrorists are targeted, not civilians, in accordance with the
26 rules of war and international humanitarian law to minimise civilian casualties.

27 **Calls for:**

- 28 • the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages currently held by Hamas,
29 and for the EU and national governments to use all diplomatic means to support
30 these efforts;
- 31 • an immediate humanitarian pause between the fighting parties to allow
32 humanitarian corridors to be established so that civilians can seek protection
33 and essential supplies of water, food, medicines and electricity can be quickly
34 and safely delivered to Gaza to prevent a humanitarian tragedy in Gaza from
35 escalating;
- 36 • non-governmental and international organisations operating in the area to ensure
37 no European taxpayer and donor money goes to finance directly or indirectly
38 terrorists organisations and activities;

- 39 • ALDE and its member parties to work for and support the above actions and push
40 their governments to prohibit all activities of Hamas and proscribe it as terror
41 organisations along with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) to send
42 a strong signal to the Iranian regime that their continued funding of terrorist
43 activities will not be tolerated;
- 44 • all international actors and Israeli and Palestinian authorities and
45 organisations working for the rule of law to work together to ensure that those
46 responsible for the terror attack are held responsible and brought to justice;
- 47 • European countries to condemn and take action to combat the increase of
48 antisemitic and anti-Muslim incidents taking place across Europe and the world;
- 49 • the UN to immediately kick start peace negotiations and for European countries
50 and the EU to take a leading role in bringing about lasting sustainable peace
51 between Israelis and Palestinians together with allied countries in the region
52 and a two-state solution to prevent a return to the status quo ante and to bring
53 an end to the violence once and for all.