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

Notes that:

- Ukraine remains the main battleground for democracy, the issue of Ukraine’s victory is fundamental for survival of democratic way of life for the rest of the world, in particular in view of the recent attacks and threats, coming from anti-democratic regimes worldwide;
- in its atrocious and unjustified war against Ukraine, Russia aims at destroying the existing rules-based order by creating security, food, energy crises, unfolding massive misinformation campaigns, and supporting other terrorist regimes;
- the Ukrainian Peace Formula, presented on November 15, 2022, by President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the Group of Twenty (G20) Summit in Indonesia, remains the most supported and realistic plan for achieving a just and lasting peace in Ukraine, as well as an effective algorithm for providing security guarantees and preventing aggression in the future, including against other countries;
- the UN General Assembly Resolution “Principles of the Charter of the United Nations underlying a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine” ES-11/6 of February 23, 2023 de-facto based upon the points of the Ukrainian Peace Formula was supported by 141 states;
- as of September 2023, more than 70 countries have publicly expressed their support for the Ukrainian Peace Formula as a whole, joined the implementation of its points and/or the activities of relevant working groups;
- currently Canada is gathering comprehensive support for the bill S-278 enable Canada to seize and repurpose Russian state assets. This enactment amends the Special Economic Measures Act to allow the Governor in Council to dispose of a foreign state’s assets seized under the Act if the seizure occurred without a judicial order;
- approximately $500 billion of Russian state and private assets are held in the US, Canada, the UK, and the EU member states.

Believes that:

- Ukraine’s full membership in the EU and NATO is essential to ensure long-lasting stability in the region as well as security for the EU and NATO countries themselves;
Ukrainian Peace Formula shall be the basis for any peace initiatives and it is essential to continue the dialogue on the implementation of the Formula at all levels for these efforts to result in the inaugural Global Peace Summit at the level of State leaders, which will adopt the Roadmap for the implementation of the Formula;

Considering continuing attacks against Ukrainian civilian infrastructure by the terrorist troops of the Russian regime, the upcoming winter season requires mobilization of efforts to assist Ukraine by all possible means.

Calls for:

- intensifying efforts to ensure full-fledged membership of Ukraine in the EU and NATO in as quick and smooth way as only possible;
- supporting the Ukrainian Peace Formula as a whole and its particular points, notably on security guarantees for Ukraine;
- coordinating efforts to ensure further full implementation of the Formula that will lead to a just and lasting peace in the region and throughout the world;
- providing Ukraine with the necessary urgent and long-term military assistance to allow the country to win this war as soon as possible;
- delivering urgently new assistance packages, in particular consisting of F-16 fighter jets, the most advanced anti-missiles and air defense systems, needed to protect the energy infrastructure, which suffered immensely from Russian rockets last winter, and was restored with great international assistance;
- protecting the transport routes and infrastructure used for transporting food supplies from Ukraine, which can also be achieved by additional supplies of advanced air defense systems, but also by increasing cooperation in the Black Sea region in particular;
- EU member states to introduce a ‘collective countermeasure’ into national legislations allowing for confiscation of Russian state-owned assets and sanctioned oligarchs’ assets;
- support national governments’ arguments confirming international and national legality of confiscation measures to enforce the aggressor’s duty to provide;
- Tackle the destructive misuse of vetoes by revisiting the range of decisions requiring unanimity in the European Council.