

Proposal for Autumn Congress

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The Autumn Congress may decide:

1 **In varietate concordia — Liberal voices working together**

2 *Recalling that:*

- 3 • in September 2018, the ALDE Party Bureau proposed to expel the Catalan European Democratic
4 Party (PDECAT) from ALDE, a proposal which requires a two-thirds majority at the ALDE
5 Council scheduled for 27 October 2018;
- 6 • the stated rationale is that the party from which PDECAT inherited ALDE membership,
7 Democratic Convergence of Catalonia (CDC), was found guilty of a corruption case dating from
8 many years ago;
- 9 • PDECAT has strongly and unequivocally condemned any cases in which members of CDC
10 engaged in corruption;
- 11 • as well as fully cooperating with the judicial investigation, PDECAT has worked hard to put
12 safeguards in place to prevent this from ever happening to it and is now recognised as a more
13 transparent organisation than any other major party in Spain;
- 14 • the vast majority of people currently in PDECAT were not even members of CDC when the
15 corruption cases occurred; and
- 16 • the Catalan liberal movement has been represented in the European liberal family through
17 LYMEC and ALDE/ELDR for over three decades, contributing substantially to its growth and
18 leadership over the years.

19 *Lamenting that:*

- 20 • talking to the Spanish media (e.g. ¹ and ²), leading figures from Ciudadanos have explicitly linked
21 the proposal to PDECAT's support for Catalan independence;
- 22 • media reports show that Ciudadanos was already exploring several options to exclude PDECAT
23 from ALDE months before the ruling on the corruption case came out;³ and
- 24 • media reports state that certain ALDE MEPs had already been promised a vote to expel PDECAT
25 at least two months before the ruling came out.⁴

26 LYMEC:

- 27 • believes that the work of the current membership and leadership of PDECAT to implement good
28 practices and stamp out corruption deserves a vote of confidence from ALDE;
- 29 • charges its ALDE Council delegate with voting against the proposal to expel PDECAT from the
30 ALDE Party;
- 31 • calls upon other ALDE Party member organisations to vote against the proposal to expel PDECAT
32 from the ALDE Party;
- 33 • petitions the ALDE Council to hold the vote by means of a secret ballot;
- 34 • charges its Bureau with sending a letter to all voting organisations explaining LYMEC's position
35 and urging them to vote against the expulsion of PDECAT;
- 36 • reaffirms its view of ALDE as a place where European liberal parties can set aside their
37 differences in national politics and work together for a liberal future for Europe; and
- 38 • hopes that the constructive coexistence between JNC and Jóvenes C's in European youth politics
39 can serve as a model for their mother parties in ALDE.

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