

Proposal for Spring Congress

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The Spring Congress may decide:

1 **Resolution on condemning the persecution and torture of** 2 **journalists and activists**

3 **Endorses:**

4 - UN resolutions on safety of journalists, in particular Human Rights Council Resolution
5 (A/HRC/RES/33/2) on the Safety of Journalists (2016), the UNGA 3rd Committee Resolution
6 (A/C.3/72/L.35/Rev.1) on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity (2017), the Universal
7 Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the
8 Helsinki Final Act, the European Convention on Human Rights and EU Treaties;

9 **Recognizes that:**

10 - over the past decade, according to information of Committee to Protect Journalists, more than
11 1337 journalists around the world were murdered for bringing news and information related to
12 corruption investigation to the public;

13 - in reviewing the facts of persecution within and out the EU, Daphne Caruana Galizia, was blown
14 up in her car on Malta (2017); activist Nikolai Andrushchenko from Russia was attacked and
15 afterwards died (2018) for reporting on issues provocative to the Russian regime, including
16 corruption; Slovak journalist Jan Kuciak was shot dead (2018) for investigating probabilistic
17 political corruption; Bulgarian journalist Viktoria Marinova was raped and murdered (2018) for
18 reporting on the investigation into corruption involving EU funds; Ukrainian activist and civil
19 servant Kateryna Gandzyuk, was drenched with acid and died (2018) in hospital;

20 **Alarmed:**

21 - that journalists and activists are murdered in **fight** for truth representing anti-corruption news in
22 violation of international/regional and national provisions on freedom of speech and expression;

23 - many of the killings are not investigated and the perpetrators are rarely identified;

24 **Concerned:**

25 - that journalists and activists have the right to hold opinions and to impart information without
26 interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers due to international and European
27 standards on human rights;

28 **LYMEC calls on:**

29 - the ALDE Party and LYMEC Bureau to lobby within the ALDE Group of the European
30 Parliament to support the proposal for a regulation on condemning the persecution and torture of
31 journalists and activists, as well as to monitor the compliance of EU member countries with the
32 provisions of the European Parliament resolution on media pluralism and media freedom in the
33 European Union (2017/2209(INI)) of 3 May 2018;

34 - its member organizations to bring the topic into discussion in their respective mother parties,
35 partner organizations and government bodies;

36 - the EU institutions to defend the legitimate rights of European citizens and to condemn any
37 violation of their freedoms.

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