

Proposal for Autumn Congress

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The Autumn Congress may decide:

1 Liberalise the sex industry

2 As liberals we believe that:

- 3 • Every individual has the right to decide over its own body.
- 4 • As long as other people's way of life does not affect you, you should not interfere in their
5 life.
- 6 • All individuals should be tolerant and respectful of different choices of life, even if they do
7 not personally agree with it.
- 8 • Self-determination is one of the most important rights of an individual.

9 Noting that:

- 10 • Human trafficking is illegal and can never be justified.
- 11 • Prostitution should not be legal to anyone below the age of 18.
- 12 • There are 5 main laws regarding prostitution in the EU;
 - 13 1. In some countries prostitution is illegal.
 - 14 2. In some countries prostitution is legal, but it is illegal to buy sex.
 - 15 3. In some countries prostitution and the buying of sex are decriminalised, so prostitution is
16 not legal, but it is not recognised as a profession either.
 - 17 4. In some countries prostitution and the buying of sex are legal, but procuring and the
18 running of brothels are not.

19 5. In some countries both prostitution, the buying of sex, procuring, and the running of
20 brothels are legal.

21 • The many different prostitution laws within the EU complicates the free movement of
22 services.

23 **Considering that:**

24 • Voluntary prostitution should not be disrupted by the approach to fight forced prostitution.

25 • It is both unfair and discriminating that in some countries prostitution is decriminalised
26 and thus the sex workers must pay taxes but simultaneously the profession is not
27 recognised, meaning sex workers cannot be members of unemployment insurance fund,
28 do not obtain fair working rights, etc.

29 • Legalising prostitution without legalising the buying of sex, forces sex workers to work in
30 uncertain environments hidden away from the public as their clients are technically
31 criminals and therefore have to worry about being caught by the police.

32 • Strict regulation of prostitution in groups, e.g. brothels, deprives the sex workers the
33 possibility of working in the safest possible environment with colleagues and easy access
34 to help, should problems arise.

35 • It is unfair that sex workers cannot work as prostitutes without having to be
36 self-employed, as being self-employed entails both economic uncertainty and extra work.

37 **Calls for:**

38 1. All EU member states to legalise prostitution and the buying of sex as well as making
39 prostitution a recognised profession, giving prostitutes access to health care,
40 unemployment benefits, unemployment insurance funds etc. on equal terms with people
41 in other professions.

42 2. All EU member states to legalise procuring, giving the 'pimp' the same responsibilities
43 towards her/his employees as any other employer in each EU member state.

44 3. All EU member states to legalise prostitution in groups, e.g. brothels, allowing these
45 businesses to work as any other business in each EU member state.

46 4. All EU member states to recognise prostitution as a service which should be able to move
47 freely across the EU.

48 5. All EU member states to make sure the necessary help is available to sex workers who
49 wish to leave the sex industry, as any sex worker should be able to quit her/his job if they
50 wish to do so. Otherwise, it is no longer voluntary prostitution.

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