

Supporting Introduction of Civil Partnerships in Ukraine

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Stockholm, Sweden on 26-28 May 2023:

Notes that:

- in March 2023, several MPs from ALDE member parties "Holos" ("Voice") and "Sluha Narodu" ("Servant of the People") submitted a bill on civil partnerships to the Ukrainian Parliament introducing a legal framework allowing to register gender-neutral civil partnerships;
- the bill is actively advocated by Ukrainian LGBTIQ+ military personnel (members of the NGO "Ukrainian LGBT military"), as it introduces the only legal mechanism in Ukraine that will allow them to officially register their relationships, which is particularly relevant in Ukraine in times of full-scale war;
- on April 18, the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence opposed the bill. Also, several local councils sent queerphobic appeals with a request to withdraw the bill.

Believes that:

- all people in their diversity are born equal, therefore their legal opportunities should not be limited because of their sexual orientation;
- supporting the equal rights of LGBTIQ+ people in Ukraine is aligned with the universality of human rights and ALDE's aim to respond vigorously to the challenges that are threatening human rights across Europe.

Emphasises that:

- ALDE supports the initiative of the MPs of its member parties "Holos" and "Sluha Narodu" to submit the bill on gender-neutral civil partnerships and hopes for its prompt adoption by the Ukrainian parliament.

Calls for the member parties "Holos" and "Sluha Narodu" to:

- join efforts and support the bill on gender-neutral civil partnerships in order to facilitate and ensure its consideration and adoption by the Ukrainian parliament.

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Calls for the ALDE Party, its member organisations and the EU institutions to:

- support Ukraine with measures aimed at upholding the bill on civil partnerships;
- increase efforts to ensure the urgent adoption of the bill on civil partnerships.

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