



ALBANIA

Resolution tabled by the Democratic Party of Albania at the IDU Executive Meeting on 6th December 2019 in Washington DC, USA

- Taking note of the European Council conclusions on Albania in (17-18) October 2019 and the OSCE/ODIHR Report of 5 September 2019;
- Taking into consideration that Albania is facing a deep political crisis, erosion of population and economic decay;
- Taking into consideration that 30 June local elections were held with little regard for the interests of the electorate as they took place against a background of a political and institutional crisis;
- Recognizing the firm and unwavering commitment of the Democratic Party of Albania (DPA) to Albania's European integration process;
- Supporting EU's commitment to the enlargement process upon the fulfilment of membership criteria by applicant countries;
- Emphasizing the importance of the integration process as a catalyst for reforms, and welcoming the support which this process enjoys among the Albanian people;

The International Democrat Union:

URGES the governing party and the opposition in Albania to undertake every effort to immediately overcome this deep political crisis through political dialogue.

REGRETS the absence of the political will from the governing party to attain progress on consensual drafting and adoption by political parties of an electoral reform in compliance with the OSCE/ODIHR recommendations;

RECALLS the OSCE/ODIHR repeated emphasis of the importance of political will in order to implement all rules regarding free and fair elections, calls for the implementation of the electoral reform, to the benefit of Albanian democracy and functioning democratic institutions at the central and local level;

EXPRESSES the urgent need for Albania to ensure the proper functioning of the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court and the specialized structure to combat corruption and organized crime;

CALLS for a prompt final decision by the Constitutional Court on the legality of the local elections of 30 June 2019.

EMPHASIZES that vote-buying actions and involvement of organized crime in the elections is unacceptable by Euro-Atlantic standards and calls for tangible progress and outcome in the timely and successful prosecution of all culprits including politicians, officials and criminal gangs associated with vote-buying and additional electoral crimes during the elections;



EXPRESSES deep concern about the recurring phenomenon of people with criminal records running for office or being appointed to public functions in open violation of the "Law of Decriminalization" and calls for the swift and unequivocal implementation of the law and the removal from office of all those in violation of the law.

NOTES with great concern the fact that Albania is considered as an operational base of organized crime network and that the country is facing the corruption in every level of government; expresses the urgent need for Albania to announce proactive investigations, prosecutions and convictions for corruption and organized crime; emphasizes the need for a solid track record in the fight against massive cultivation and trafficking of cannabis and the fight against drug trafficking and money laundering; initiating and completing procedures against all culprits including high-rankings officials and politicians;

SUPPORTS the Democratic Party of Albania and other like-minded partners in their efforts to resolve the political crisis as well as their firm commitment to Euro-Atlantic aspirations of the people of Albania.