

## Resolution on the situation in Lebanon

The CDI,

- having regard to previous CDI's resolution on Lebanon;
  - having regard to previous UN Security Council Resolutions;
  - having regard to the report by the EU Election Observation Mission to Lebanon in 2018;
  - having regard to the statement of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, by Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič on the explosion in Beirut;
  - having regard to the various statements by different world leaders on the resignation of three different Prime Ministers-designate of Lebanon;
  - having regard to the report on the Lebanon Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Framework (3RF) adopted by the EU, the UN and the World Bank in December 2020;
  - having regard to the statement of 26 August 2021 by the UN Secretary-General António Guterres on the deteriorating socio-economic situation in Lebanon;
  - having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948.
- A. Whereas the current situation in Lebanon is extremely alarming and deeply concerning due to the political, economic, social and financial crisis.
- B. Whereas corruption is one of the key challenges stifling Lebanon's development and prosperity, and deepening alienation from and distrust of the political system.
- C. Whereas parliamentary elections in Lebanon are scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and it is crucial to ensure inclusive, transparent and fair elections with equal access to campaigning for all candidates and access to vote for all Lebanese citizens, including those who reside outside the country.
- D. Whereas these elections are usually enticed with illegal spending, bribery and threatening to opposite candidates.
- E. Whereas Hezbollah, listed as a terror organization by US, the EU and most states of the Arab League, still controls key ministries in the Lebanese Government.
- F. Whereas a stable, fully sovereign and democratic Lebanon is of crucial importance for the stability, security and peaceful development of the Middle East and the region at large.
1. Calls on the Government of Lebanon to take the necessary measures, in accordance with international standards, to promote transparent, free and fair elections of May 2022.
  2. Expresses its concern about the terrible crisis that Lebanese people are going through.
  3. Calls on the Lebanese Government to start the required and necessary reforms as required by the IMF.
  4. Encourages member parties to be critical voices in their respective countries in the face of the deterioration of democracy and lifestyle in our brother country.