

### **Resolution on strengthening political parties as a democratic cornerstone**

The IDC - CDI wishes to express its deep concern regarding the considerable increase in coordinated actions being carried out by populist political powers, in an attempt to discredit the image of political parties as essential participants in the functioning of democracy. However, it is worrying that through international alliances and information manipulation (the press, social media, and other forms of digital communication) populists and their movements are increasingly and deliberately attempting to destabilize democratic governments, putting the rights and security of our citizens at risk. We condemn Russian fake news and propaganda campaigns.

We wish to highlight and condemn the coordinated left- and right-wing policies all over the world, aimed at destabilising democratic and rule-of-law structures in various countries.

We believe that all countries and democrats should fight against this narrative, to ensure the freedom, education, training and truthful informing of our citizens. And we wish to reiterate the essential role of political parties as a system of democratic representation of the political, economic and social interests of our citizens.

The IDC-CDI supports the promotion of policies of rapprochement between citizens, democratic institutions and the political decision-makers, to reduce the concerning gap extending between voters and elected officials. And we urge the IDC's member parties to invest in the implementation of political training programs to inform citizens of the essential role of political parties in the development of more democratic, well-balanced and peaceful societies.

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