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Resolution on the Situation in the Kyrgyz Republic

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The Progressive Alliance expresses deep concerns on the findings of the Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI), Human Rights Watch (HRW), and other reputable international bodies that Social Democrats in Kyrgyzstan are subjected to systematic persecution based for their political views and are at heightened risk of threats, attacks, and unlawful restrictions. Furthermore, the Alliance shares the position set out in the European Union's Strategy for Central Asia, which recognises that Social Democrats have become victims of political repression, and supports the EU's strategic call to immediately end this persecution.

We condemn the court verdict in the Koy-Tash case, which has been used as a tool of political retribution against active members of the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgyzstan. Given the seriousness of the allegations concerning the events of 7–8 August 2019, we call for an independent, impartial investigation with full public reporting and accountability, in line with Kyrgyzstan's international human-rights obligations.

The Progressive Alliance reaffirms its position on the case of Temirlan Sultanbekov and the Social Democrats, noting that the authorities of Kyrgyzstan are obstructing right to free speech and assembly, and employs tactics that disallow participation of the opposition in electoral process including exclusion of opposition candidates, unlawful arrests, closed trials, and the adoption of laws enabling non-competitive elections. These moves constitute are direct violation of Kyrgyzstan's international obligations and eroded public trust reflected in a record-low turnout of 17% in the November 2024 elections.

We are deeply concerned that human rights and freedoms situation in the country is rapidly deteriorating as from 2022 to 2025 Kyrgyzstan fell in RSF's Press Freedom Index from 72nd to 144th place, and now ranks 148th in Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index.

The Progressive Alliance calls on the authorities of the Kyrgyz Republic to:

Ensure an open trial in the case of Temirlan Sultanbekov and the Social Democrats with mandatory public broadcasting, as required by national legislation;



Immediately lift restrictions on the freedom of movement of Temirlan Sultanbekov, ensuring his ability to perform his duties as a public servant and likewise rescind similar unlawful bans imposed on other Social Democrats;

Restore the operations of independent media and end the practice of shutting them down on fabricated grounds;

Support political missions to Kyrgyzstan to investigate related to the Koy-Tash events, the Social Democrats' election case, and the erosion of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The Progressive Alliance expresses full solidarity with the Social Democrats and all citizens of Kyrgyzstan who stand for democracy and justice.