

CDI CALLS FOR MORE COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES TO FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

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The Centrist Democrat International (CDI) said in a Declaration adopted on 7th December that "in order to fight efficiently against illegal immigration, it is necessary that public authorities of countries of origin and transit fully cooperate with welcoming countries, especially by enforcing repatriation and return agreements".

The CDI also declared that "in order to ensure that immigration benefits both countries of origin and welcoming countries, migration flows must be exclusively conducted through legal means and are fully subject to the rule of law".

This Declaration was adopted by the Executive Committee of the CDI during a meeting held in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain).

Previously, members of the CDI and special guests debated on immigration during a Seminar held on 6 and 7 December also in Las Palmas. Amongst other, the President of the Partido Popular (Spain) and Vice-president of the CDI, **Mariano Rajoy**; the President of the CDI, **Pier Ferdinando Casini**; the Secretary General of the European People's Party (EPP), **Antonio Lopez - Isturiz**, and the Minister of Cooperation of Senegal, **Lamine Ba**, participated in this Seminar.

The CDI also adopted today several resolutions on the terrorism in Spain, on climate change and on the situation in Cuba, Venezuela, Angola, Mexico and the Philippines.

NEW PARTIES MEMBERS IN THE CDI

In addition, the Executive Committee of the CDI accepted the application for accession of three parties: "Democratic Party" (Rumania), "Movement for the Liberation of Congo" (MLC), and "Popular Action" (Equatorial Guinea).

This decision will be ratified next year by the Leaders of the CDI.

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