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ALDA supports Republic of Macedonia and calls for dialogue and stabilization

Today, Republic of Macedonia is mourning the death of eight police officers in clashes with an armed group in Kumanovo on 9th of May. Locals from Kumanovo, Albanians and Macedonians gathered to express that there is no interethnic conflict and nobody wants the crisis from 2001 repeated. As of now, the situation in Kumanovo is stabilized.

ALDA is devastated by the death of the police officers and the traumas inflicted upon the citizens of Kumanovo. We hope that this will be an isolated incident, that will bring citizens closer together and will prevent future conflicts. Having cooperated with the City of Kumanovo in several occasions, ALDA, its members and staff are concerned with the situation in Macedonia and Kumanovo.

ALDA and the Local Democracy Agencies in the Western Balkans call upon the Authorities to continue the dialogue and work of stabilization and prevention of violence and support the Macedonian people in these difficult moments of mourning. ALDA, together with the Macedonian partners and its Office in Skopje, remains committed to promotion of democratic values, peace and stability in Macedonia and in the Balkans Region. Together, we continue our actions to bring Macedonia closer to European Union in peace and prosperity.

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