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CALD Statement on the Recent German Elections

We, the members of the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), extend our earnest support and solidarity to the Free Democratic Party (FDP) of Germany at this important juncture in its history. The FDP and the German liberal foundation, the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF), have always been steadfast supporters of Asian liberalism, even when the region was under the strong grip of authoritarianism. That Asia now has some of the world's most vibrant democracies, as well as the most organised liberal political party network, is due in no small part to the resolute support and solidarity of the FDP and FNF. The German liberals have been with us during our darkest days; in the same spirit, we stand with them as they endeavour to regain the trust and confidence of the German people.

The Council strongly believes that the FDP will come out of this temporary setback as a better and stronger political party. We are confident that with FDP's proven track record in helping steer the German economy out of recession, together with its unwavering commitment to the promotion and protection of individual rights and liberties, the party will soon regain its rightful position in German politics even as it continues its crucial role in the promotion of liberalism in Germany, in Europe and in other parts of the world.

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