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### **Hon. Christian Lindner**

Leader, Free Democratic Party (FDP) of Germany

Parliamentary Leader, FDP Group in the Landtag of North-Rhine-Westphalia

Dear Mr. Lindner:

We, in the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD), would like to extend our deepest condolences to the FDP and to the family of former German deputy chancellor, foreign minister and FDP leader, Dr. Guido Westerwelle, who passed away at age 54. Dr. Westerwelle was a great lost not only to Germany, which he served so well, but also to the global liberal family. The Asian liberals, in particular, greatly appreciate his vision for Asia and Europe as “strong partners in shaping globalization.” His numerous visits to Asia as Germany’s chief diplomat proved his commitment to deepen the partnership and engagement between the two regions.

Dr. Westerwelle lived a principled life - undoubtedly a difficult choice - particularly in the world of politics. That he chose to stand by his beliefs and principles, despite popular opposition and ridicule, definitely deserves our admiration and respect. His stance on military intervention, for one, which was then widely criticized by Germany’s allies, is now being heralded as the right course of action in the wake of a broken Libya.

The wisdom and passion of Dr. Westerwelle will definitely be missed. Again, on behalf of the Asian liberals and democrats, we send our sincerest condolences.

Sincerely yours,

### **Oyun Sanjaasuren, MP**

Chairperson, Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats

President, United Nations Environment Assembly

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