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FEDERAL UNION OF EUROPEAN NATIONALITIES
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ФЕДЕРАЛИСТСКИЙ СОЮЗ ЕВРОПЕЙСКИХ НАЦИОНАЛЬНЫХ МЕНЬШИНСТВ
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RESOLUTIONS 2024

Your Excellency,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN).

With more than 100 Member Organisations from 38 European countries, FUEN is the representative umbrella organisation of autochthonous national minorities, cultural, linguistic and ethnic groups in Europe. We thus advocate on behalf of our Member Organisations in the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the European Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

On an annual basis, FUEN holds its Congress, the largest gathering of minority representatives in Europe, to deliberate upon key issues and adopt resolutions at its Assembly of Delegates. In 2024, the Assembly of Delegates took place on 21 September 2024 in Husum • Hüsem, Germany as part of the FUEN Congress. We would like to draw your attention to the adopted resolutions.

FUEN delegates adopted the main resolution entitled “On developing a European Legal Framework for Minority Protection and Promotion”. The resolution draws attention of the governments and political stakeholders to the severely deteriorating situation of several national and linguistic minorities worldwide, and in particular in Europe, when it comes to the protection of their minority cultures, rights and collective identities. The resolution manifests the outcome of the high-level ‘Ewald Ammende’ International Expert Conference organized on 3-4th March in Brussels: a comprehensive EU legal framework with clear protection standards to effectively safeguard and promote the wide spectrum of rights of national and linguistic minorities should be enacted as soon as possible. In addition, the main resolution calls the international community to establish a new cooperation forum for civil society organisations designated specifically to minority rights.

The resolutions, submitted by several European minorities which are member organisations of FUEN, raised the attention to the specific problematic situations of minorities in different European countries: the Turkish minority in Rhodes and Kos, Greece; the Breton minority in France; the Macedonian minority in Albania; the Turkish

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minority in Western Thrace, Greece; the Catalan speakers in Spain; the North Frisian, Sorb, Danish minorities and Sinti and Roma in Germany; and the Crimean Tatar people in Ukraine.

We would like to draw your attention to the adopted resolutions and ask for your support in their implementation. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have questions and comments about these resolutions.

Sincerely yours,



Loránt Vincze
Member of the European Parliament
President of FUEN

Annex:

Resolutions adopted at the FUEN Assembly of Delegates on 21 September 2024.