

RESOLUTION

The Aromanian Community of Romania / “Fara Armânească dit Romănia”

The Assembly of Delegates of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) adopted the following resolution in Hotel Chris & Eve in Komotini/Gümülcine, Greece, on 16 May 2015:

I. Taking into account that 18 years after the adoption of Recommendation 1333/1997 on the Aromanian culture and language, this document did not produce expected effects for the Aromanians (community living in several Balkan countries: Romania, Greece, Albania, Rep. of Macedonia, Bulgaria and Serbia) and the year 2015 is still finding them under the threat of disappearance as a distinct people,

“The Arman Community of Romania” expects and calls upon:

A. Romania

- Recognize Aromanian (Arman) people like a distinct people, i.e. as minority in Romania, in line with the provisions stated in the Romanian Constitution;
- Take the necessary steps to design strategies/special programs that will allow the Aromanians to preserve their own ethnic and cultural identity, by:
 1. Introducing the Aromanian language – in order to be studied – into the elementary and secondary educational systems, within the regions where it is widely used; support the establishment of an university chair dedicated to the Aromanian language.
 2. Introducing the Aromanian language into the public /governmental mass media
- Provide accurate and complete data regarding the number of the Aromanians who declared a separate “ethnic identity” during the last census (2011);
- Repeal the Law 176/2013 which defines the Aromanians as “Romanians from everywhere” (“The Aromanian Community of Romania” has expressed its disapproval with the legislation which was prepared and adopted without any notice to or consultation with the members of the community.)
- Establish a dialogue mechanism between governmental authorities and the Aromanian community in the form of an advisory/consultative body.

B. European Institutions

1. To support the Aromanians in their efforts to maintain and develop the identity related goals;
2. To secure moral, financial and institutional support necessary for cultural, educational and media activities;
3. To support the Aromanians' Council in order to obtain participatory status at the Council of Europe

II. “The Aromanian Community of Romania” / “Fara Armănească dit Romănia” expresses its gratitude for the continuous support provided by FUEN.