

## RESOLUTION

### **Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans:**

*At their Assembly of Delegates in Komotini, Greece, on 16 May 2015, the Delegates of the Member Organisations of the Federal Union of European Nationalities adopted the following resolution:*

### **The FUEN Assembly of Delegates:**

- *Recalling* the Minorities Treaties signed after WW I, which formed the minority protection regime in Europe, important for the maintenance of lasting peace and prosperity in the region;
- *Having regard to* the legal instruments that developed since then towards the protection of ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities in the frame of international or regional organizations, such as the “Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities” of the United Nations (1992) as well as Article 27 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966) and the “Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities” of the Council of Europe (1995);
- *Recognizing* the progress achieved on Minority Rights in Europe through international and regional human rights institutions;
- *Noting that* despite the above-mentioned institutional and legislative progress, there is still a tendency by many States of bilateralizing or politicizing the minority rights issue under the misuse of the concept of reciprocity rather than caring truly for the minorities interests;
- *Considering that* since WWI, in some cases minorities are being abused or treated as an excuse, in order to put political pressure and create conflicts by other states with whom the “victim” minorities are considered to be linked somehow;
- *Noting that* during the last years the European Continent has experienced the catastrophic consequences of open armed conflicts caused by the interference of kin-States with irredentist ambitions;
- *Affirming that* minority protection is clearly of prime concern for the maintenance of international peace and security;

***Draws the attention of all States:***

to strengthen the protection of Minority Rights by signing, ratifying and implementing the “Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities” of the Council of Europe;

***Calls all States:***

to develop the political will and take the appropriate policy measures in order to fulfill their responsibility to protect all people regardless their belonging to the minority or the majority;

to acknowledge that minorities have their own specific background, not to depict minorities as objects to a kin-State and abandon practices of using minorities and their rights for promoting their irredentist claims;

to develop policies towards a more responsible political culture that will affirm the diversity and propel dialog and peace.