

## RESOLUTION

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### On the protection of autochthonous minorities in Ukraine

**FUEN condemns the Russian full-scale war against Ukraine and demands that Russia stops the war immediately without any condition and withdraws its troops from the internationally recognised territory of Ukraine. The war has led to tremendous loss of lives, immense destruction, economic instability, and humanitarian crisis.**

Having regard

- A. The war has significantly deteriorated the lives of many, including persons belonging to the autochthonous minorities. Ukrainians, indigenous peoples and autochthonous minorities (especially Crimean Tatars, Greeks, and Roma) have been forcefully displaced away from their homelands and fallen victims to other human rights violations and war crimes committed by the Russian forces.
- B. Indigenous peoples and autochthonous minorities of Ukraine have demonstrated strong civic identity and patriotism since the beginning of the war.

The Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) adopted the following resolution at its Assembly of Delegates on 9 September 2023 in Pécs • Fünfkirchen • Pečuh:

- 1. Demands that Russia stops the war immediately without any condition and withdraws its troops from the internationally recognised territory of Ukraine.
- 2. Call upon the authorities of Ukraine to develop inclusive post-war minority policies and approach cultural and linguistic diversity as an asset of the Ukrainian society and as an integral part of the all-Ukrainian identity.
- 3. Recognising the previous efforts of the Ukrainian authorities to engage autochthonous minorities and indigenous peoples in a consultation process and call them upon to continue with this process through meaningful involving their organisations, and minority experts in advisory councils under legislative and executive bodies of the local, regional, and national levels.
- 4. Urges that Ukraine fully complies with the recently issued recommendations of the Opinion of the Venice Commission on the Law of Ukraine “On National Minorities (Communities)” of 9-10 June 2023.
- 5. Recalls Ukraine to full implementation of the international and bilateral treaty provisions on autochthonous minorities that were previously signed and ratified.
- 6. Calls on the European Union institutions to support measures that contribute to preserving ethnic and linguistic diversity in Ukraine, especially in the EU accession process of Ukraine and the fulfilment of the Copenhagen admission criteria.
- 7. Suggests the EU Commission to provide additional resources, including in support for mother tongue education, for helping autochthonous minorities and indigenous peoples affected by the war to preserve their collective identities.