

RESOLUTION 2024-01

Rhodes, Kos and the Dodecanese Turks Culture and Solidarity Association (ROISDER)

The Delegates of the Member Organisations of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) adopted the following resolution at their Assembly of Delegates in Husum/Hüsem, Germany on 21 September 2024:

Stop verbal attacks against Rhodes, Kos and the Dodecanese Turks in the Greek Parliament

The Greek State puts forward the thesis that „There are no Turks in the Dodecanese”, only „Greek Muslims”. On this account, Greek Deputy Mrs. Fotini Pipili made a speech against ROISDER and its president Mustafa Kaymakçı at the 98th Parliamentary Session of the Hellenic Parliament on Monday, March 22, 2022, and accordingly, this approach was shared in the minutes presented in response to the parliamentary question on this particular subject.

As The General Assembly of FUEN we point out two international documents proving and validating the Turkish presence in the Dodecanese¹. There is no doubt about the presence of Turks and their culture in the Dodecanese!

As FUEN, we would like to indicate that this situation that has arisen in the Hellenic Parliament against ROISDER has an intolerant approach towards the civil society and also directly points to a prejudicial attitude towards the representatives of the Turkish community in Rhodes and Kos.

As FUEN, we declare that destruction or ignorance of any cultural identity cannot be the appropriate approach; accordingly, the protection and development of Turkish cultural identity in Rhodes and Kos should be one of the primary obligations of Greece, a member of the European Union.

FUEN calls on the Parliament in Greece to:

- Stop the verbal attacks on the Turk cultural and Solidarity organisation ROISDER and accept the presence of Turks in the Dodecanese!

¹ Resolution of the Council of Europe “The Situation of Greek Citizens of Turkish Origin in Rhodes and Kos”, adopted by the Standing Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on March 09 2012 and Fautré, W., 2017.”Greece: Ethnic Turks in Rhodes and Kos under Greek Rule”. Federal Union of European Nations (FUEN) Brussels, January 2017.