

RESOLUTION

Society of the Carpatho-Rusyns/ Ruthenes

The Assembly of Delegates of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) adopted the following resolution in Hotel des Nordens in Flensburg, Germany, on 10 May 2014:

The Assembly of Delegates of FUEN is very concerned about the on-going discrimination of the Rusyns / Ruthenes in Ukraine, who in the past 20 years have not been able to prompt the leadership of Ukraine to give the Ruthenes the official status of a national minority, despite repeated calls to do so from many different international organisations, among these FUEN and the United Nations. The wish of the population of Trans-Carpathia for a self-administered autonomous region of Trans-Carpathia, as an entity within the independent state of Ukraine, which was expressed at the referendum of 1 December 1991, has not been realised either.

The Assembly of Delegates of FUEN therefore addresses the new leadership of Ukraine and the Supreme Council with the request to reinstate the national rights that the Rusyns / Ruthenes were deprived of by the totalitarian regime of Stalin and to recognise the Rusyns / Ruthenes as an ethnic group and national minority of their own.

We also demand to take the results of the referendum of 1 December 1991 about an autonomous region of Trans-Carpathia within the independent state of Ukraine into account in the upcoming changes in the constitution of Ukraine or in extending the rights of regional self-administrations.