

## RESOLUTION

### **Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans**

*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:*

**Having regard** to the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities of the United Nations (1992) as well as to Article 27 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966);

**Having regard** to the fundamental principles, fundamental rights and political demands that are very clearly put forward on the “Charter for the autochthonous national minorities in Europe” of the FUEN (Bautzen, 2006);

**Considering** the unanimously voted by the FUEN General Assembly Resolution dated 19 May 2012 on the necessity of remedy and reparations towards minority victims by States that violated human rights based on the U.N. General Assembly Resolution 60/147 of December 2005 with title: “Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law”;

**Remembering** the 50 years that passed from the events of deportation and expulsion by the Republic of Turkey that occurred in Istanbul in the year 1964 having as goal the expatriation and consequently extinction of the Greek Orthodox Community;

**Recalling** the massive exodus of the Greek-orthodox Community of Istanbul and the islands of Gökçeada (Imbros) and Bozcaada (Tenedos), that took place during the period 1964-2003, resulting the diminution of the Community living in its homeland from 100.000 members in early 1960’s to 2.000 today, because of the anti-minority measures exercised by former subsequent governments of Turkey, which have been well documented and admitted by top Officials of the present Government of Turkey (cf. Speech of Prime Minister of Turkey R.T.Erdoğan in Düzce, on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and Prime Minister Circular Distributed to all public authorities on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010);

**Recognizing** that such malicious events against minorities continuously occur and may happen again in any part of the world;

*Calls:*

**All States** to take effective measures towards the elimination of such practices;

**The members of the FUEN** to denounce the above-mentioned or any other practices with equivalent consequences in the minorities;

**The Government of Republic Turkey** to proceed to urgent measures of remedy and reparations towards the expatriated Greek–orthodox Community of Turkey along the line of proposals submitted to the Government by the Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans regarding:

- The reinstatement of citizenships
- The legal support on the reacquisition of properties
- The ethical and efficient support of the repatriation
- The return of all properties belonging historically to Greek- orthodox minority institutions
- The solution of the pending problems of the Community residing in Turkey, such as the banning of democratic elections within the minority welfare foundations the last 16 months.