



Motion nr. 4

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**Motion:** Measures to strengthen the rights of minorities in Europe

- A. Given that every seventh European citizen is a member of a national minority or ethnic group;
- B. In view of the negative consequences of the financial and refugee crises;
- C. In view of the civil war in Ukraine and its effects for many of the minorities in the European Union and in other European States, such as the Sinti and Roma;
- D. In view of the refusal of the European Commission to take authority over ensuring minority rights, as demonstrated by the rejection of the “Minority Safety Pact” people’s initiative;
- E. In view of the failure to recognise domestic minorities in certain EU states;
- F. In view of the threatening position of culture and language of many small minorities in Europe;

The EFA General Assembly calls on the EU to take the following measures without delay in order to strengthen the rights of minorities in the EU

1. Make the European Commission responsible for the protection of minorities, for example by appointing a EU Commissioner;
2. Consistent application of the “Copenhagen criteria” for minority protection not only to accession to the EU, but also in trade agreements between the EU and non-member states in Europe;
3. Consistent application of and verification of compliance with the Copenhagen criteria for minority protection in all current EU Member States;
4. Increased financial support by the EU for minority language promotion and media in Europe.

Explanatory note :