

## Declaration nr. 8

**Name of the person introducing the declaration:** EFA president or EFA Secretary General

**On behalf of the:** EFA Bureau

Title: *“statement on the EFA principles and on the fight against fascist, racist, xenophobic or violent extremist parties”*.

1. Having regard to the European Free Alliance’s statement “on the promotion of democracy and human rights and on the fight against discrimination and xenophobia”<sup>1</sup> adopted by the Party’s General Assembly in 2018, Landshut,
2. Having regard to the European Parliament resolution on the rise in neo-fascist violence in Europe<sup>2</sup>, adopted on 17 October 2018;
3. Regarding with concern to the continuous raise of far-right parties and movements, over the past years, throughout Europe;
4. Considering unendurable the “normalisation” of far-right parties, and of fascist, racist, xenophobe and other forms of intolerant attitudes in the European Union;
5. Worried about the increase of hate crimes and hate speech in media, social media and in society in general;
6. Censuring the increase of anti-democratic measures, limitations of rights, persecution and discrimination of individuals by several governments;
7. Noting the increase of obstacles and the constant attack to the action and battles of social movements, educative institutions and progressive organisations;
8. Concerning the upcoming European Elections, where the political discussion will be driven by EFA on how to guarantee a sound coexistence and respect between individuals and between the different European communities;

The European Free Alliance

- A. Recalls that the principles of democracy, tolerance, solidarity and respect form the basis for a harmonious interpersonal and inter community coexistence in Europe;
- B. Encourages the reestablishment of the predominance of respect and for all kind of discrimination to be wiped out from the European territory and beyond;
- C. Condemns hate crime and hate speech as well as politicians and public officials who directly or indirectly normalise and reinforce hatred and violence in society,
- D. Strongly reproves any kind of alliance or support of its members to fascist, racist and/or xenophobic parties or movements, and underlines that such alliances or support shall be considered as a breach of the fundamental principles of the European Free Alliance, constituting a reason for requesting the expulsion from the Party.

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<sup>1</sup>[http://www.e-f-a.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/images/General\\_Assemblies\\_per\\_year/2018\\_Landshut/Bureau\\_statement\\_.pdf](http://www.e-f-a.org/fileadmin/user_upload/images/General_Assemblies_per_year/2018_Landshut/Bureau_statement_.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+MOTION+B8-2018-0482+0+DOC+PDF+V0//EN>