

Declaration on self-determination

The notion and the implementation of the right to self-determination is well known in the history of Europe and of the world. The citizens of stateless nations have often used this right to democratically express their will and to take responsibility for their own future.

Exercising this right can lead to many different outcomes, all democratic options, from integration within a State to full political independence and creation of new States, reflecting the desire and the political aspirations of the peoples.

Self-determination entails the right for all people to determine their own future. The right to define and choose their own political status, their constitution and government, and the form of economic, cultural and social development.

Moreover, the right to self-determination is a fundamental principle of international law, recognized as a right belonging indistinctly to all peoples, enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The European Free Alliance, aiming to strengthen its commitment in advocating for the right to self-determination,

declares

1. that the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, be they civil, political, economic, social or cultural, can only be reached if the right of self-determination is respected;
2. that self-determination is a fundamental democratic right which completes and guarantees the implementation of human rights;
3. that its political action will be devoted to advocate for this right at the European level by demanding to the European institutions the respect, the defence and the promotion of the right to self-determination and ensuring that its implementation is guaranteed and shielded at the highest level.

The European Free Alliance, its members and all the political leaders undersigning this declaration, stand for human rights, for the right of peoples to decide upon their own future and, thus, for the universal right to self-determination.

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