

Motions

Motion number	To be completed by EFA Secretariat
Chairman Gabriel HRIBAR	
Enotna Lista	
Execution of the school act 1990	
<p><u><i>The Austrian authority should fulfil the school act of 1990 for the Slovenian minority</i></u></p> <p>a) Considering the §16 of the Minority Schools Act for the Slovene Minority of 1990, which stipulates: At the bilingual primary schools all of the lessons are to be given in an approximately equal amount of German and Slovene.</p> <p>b) Considering the fact that fortunately 45% of the children in Southern Carinthia attend bilingual education in primary school. However, after 4 years of school attendance, the language skills are for the most part insufficient to be able to successfully follow the bilingual lessons in middle school. The reason for this is the neglect of the proportion of teaching in Slovene.</p> <p>c) Considering the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, which was ratified by the Republic of Austria, includes obligations to respect and promote regional or minority languages.</p> <p><i>The European Free Alliance calls for:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Authority of the Austrian federal state of Carinthia to provide effective control and sanctions for non-compliance with the legal provisions of the Minority Schools Act. The school inspectors for the bilingual must also be given the authority to issue instructions. 2. The Slovene language skills of the children must be brought to a certain level with targeted support programs already in pre-school education, so that they will be able to work on an equal footing when entering primary school. <p><i>Reasoning:</i></p> <p>The proportion of children with knowledge of Slovene when entering primary school is only 5%. Therefore programs for the promotion and improvement of bilingual teaching have to be started and an effective control has to be implemented.</p>	