

Motions

Motion number	8
Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA	Anke Spoorendonk
Member party	SSW and SP
Title (of the Motion)	In support of the right to self-determination of Greenland and its people.
<p>Text of the motion:</p> <p>The EFA Congress calls on the European Commission to actively support Greenland's right to self-determination and that of its people, in cooperation with Denmark.</p> <p>Justification:</p> <p>The world's largest island – Greenland – is predominantly inhabited by the Inuit people. The population of Greenland is approximately 55,000. Together with the Kingdom of Denmark and the Faroe Islands, Greenland forms part of the so-called Danish Realm.</p> <p>In 2009, Greenland transitioned from self-determination to self-government, driven by the Greenlandic desire for increased independence. This led to the establishment of a Greenlandic Self-Government Commission in 1999 and a joint Greenlandic-Danish Commission in 2024. With the consent of both the Greenlandic and Danish governments, a referendum was held in which 75% of Greenlandic voters supported self-government. Subsequently, the Danish Parliament passed a new Self-Government Act, enabling Greenland to independently legislate in an increasing number of policy areas.</p> <p>However, foreign policy, monetary policy, defense and security policy, as well as the Supreme Court, remain under Danish jurisdiction. Nonetheless, Greenland and Denmark generally coordinate decisions in these areas. Greenland's security is ensured through Denmark's membership in NATO and the U.S. military base in Thule, based on clear treaty agreements between Denmark and the United States. Denmark contributes approximately 700 million euros annually to Greenland to maintain public infrastructure and services.</p> <p>The Self-Government Act provides that Greenland may become an independent state under certain conditions, should the majority of its population support this path. This process has been ongoing for many years in dialogue with the Danish government. Although there are aspirations for self-determination in Greenland, the process remains incomplete and faces several challenges.</p> <p>The EFA Congress is deeply concerned by the demands made by U.S. President Donald Trump to annex Greenland in one form or another. Such actions would constitute a flagrant violation of international law and of the right of peoples to self-determination.</p>	

The EFA Congress therefore urges the European Commission to take a clear stance on this matter and to actively support the right of Greenland and its people to self-determination, in close cooperation with Denmark.

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