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## The Turkish Muslim minority of Western Thrace [Greece] demands its rights

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### Bearing in mind

- a) The continuous abuses of human and minority rights against the Western Thrace Turkish Muslim minority from the side of the Greek state in 2017 and its refusal to implement the relevant provisions of the Lausanne Treaty, despite the fact that official Athens uses the exact same Treaty as its 'Holy Bible' refusing any discussion about its possible revision,
- b) That the Greek state rejects any form of dialogue with the minority on the issues of educational policy, election of religious leaders, properties and others,
- c) That the Greek state authorities not only have failed to identify and bring to justice the perpetrators of various terrorist attacks against our party and minority individuals but indirectly support the continuous persecution of our President,
- d) Greece has not taken any political, financial, social or other measures to improve the economic situation in Western Thrace which is currently by far the poorest region in the country and we fear it will intentionally remain as such,
- e) Greece has failed to comply with several verdicts of the European Court of Human Rights and register the Xanthi Turkish Union or any other Associations bearing the name 'Turkish' in their names and statutes,

the European Free Alliance declares that:

1. Greece should finally fully and unconditionally respect the fundamental right of personal and collective self-determination in its territory,
2. Greece must guarantee full protection of minority individuals and organizations and ensure complete independence of its judiciary in all cases related to the minorities,
3. Greece should finally engage itself into a sincere and extensive dialogue with its Turkish Muslim minority on all the above-mentioned issues,
4. Greece must completely revise its development policy in minority-inhabited areas so that to ensure that there would not be 2<sup>nd</sup> or even 3<sup>rd</sup> class Greek citizens and EU citizens in the future.