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The right for governmental support and recognition of elections of the first parliament of the Wends and Sorbs in Lusatia

Taking into account:

- a) that the law of nations and the bases of democracy and the right of self-determination of small peoples and minorities in Europe shall ensure a political parliamentary representation of these,
- b) the situation that the federal states of Germany Brandenburg and Saxony as well as the Federal Republic of Germany do up to now unlawfully not support elections for a first parliament of Wends and Sorbs in Lusatia,

the European Free Alliance:

1. Welcomes the efforts of the grassroots democracy movement in the Lusatia for the implementation of a first parliament of the Wends and Sorbs and ascertains that also Wends and Sorbs in Lusatia have a right for an own parliament in order to be politically represented and to become active.
2. Assesses that in the existing institutions of the Wends and Sorbs no democratic political representation is foreseen (notice of rejection of the “Foundation for the Sorbian people”).
3. Sends a reprimand to the commission concerning the federal states of Brandenburg, and Saxony as well as Federal Republic of Germany because of their selective, arbitrary abrogation of state principles towards the partial constitutive nation of Wends and Sorbs in the Lusatia (especially the refusal of voters’ identification by the registration offices).
4. Calls on the federal states of Brandenburg, Saxony and the Federal Republic of Germany, to rectify the deficiency of a democratically legitimated political representation for the partial constitutive nation of Wends and Sorbs still continuing 29 years after the political turn in East Germany, as well as to actively and conductively accompany and recognize the election of such Parliament of the Wends and Sorbs, according to their obligations resulting from the law of nations, and German constitutive legislation. The alliance requests to ensure the voter identification by the registration offices in the settlement area of the Wends and Sorbs and to start negotiations with the elected parliament over a new state treaty regarding financing and political competences in the sense of cultural and educational self-determination.
5. Sends out election observers who verify the election process and its results independently.