Motion nr. 10

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On behalf of the party: Latvian Russian Union

Title: The EU should prevent the glorification of Nazism and raise of Neo-Nazi organizations

A. whereas the Nuremberg trials established that all of humanity would be guarded by an international legal shield and that even a Head of State would be held criminally responsible and punished for aggression and crimes against humanity;

B. whereas the Nuremberg Trials condemned crimes committed by the Nazis on charges of not only the war crimes, but also crimes against humanity;

C. whereas most of the countries strictly prohibits Nazi ideology, as well as public display of Nazi symbols, such as the Hakenkreuz (swastika) and the SS logo;

D. whereas despite this, a march of the former SS legion soldiers takes place every year on 16th March in Latvia, in the center of Riga, while anti-Nazi actions against this march are prohibited;

E. whereas Nazi symbols are freely sold and used in Latvia as souvenirs;

F. whereas Nazi flag was openly used during celebratory events dedicated to the 100 years anniversary since proclamation of Republic of Latvia.

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1. Emphasizes that EU was founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice and solidarity, while Nazism values are at a contrary of all of them.

2. Therefore calls on the EU institutions to introduce the strict rules prohibiting the glorification of Nazi crimes, as well as the Neo-Nazi organizations throughout the whole Europe.

3. Calls on the EU institutions to draw a special attention and take a control on the situation in Latvia on glorification of Nazism and Neo-Nazi crimes, as well as state support to Neo-Nazi organizations, involving concerned NGO representatives to participate in a process.

Explanatory note:
It is very important for our party EFA to tackle this issue, because situation is escalating by the year, anti-Nazi organizations are threatened and punished by state authorities for expressing their protests against glorification of Nazism. Therefore, external control on the situation as well as a clear statement of EFA party is crucially important for us.