Motion nr.8

Name of the person introducing the motion: Hannes Wilhelm-Kell

On behalf of the party: Lužyska Alianca

Title: Recognition of the new parliament of the Wendish and Sorbian people in Lusatia

In continuation of the excellent support of the Lusatian Wends and Sorbs on their way to self-determination, Lužyska Alianca kindly requests, on behalf of the first freely elected parliament, further support by the EFA and its committees.

Considering

a) that EFA has successfully supported the EU petition of the LA demanding the preservation of the settlement area, menaced by the open surface lignite mining, and the endowment of the Wendish/Sorbian nation in Lusatia by supporting its right of self-determination.

b) that EFA has accompanied the elections to the Serbski sejm by providing election observers, organizing conferences and workshops,

c) that the experience and reports of the EFA are at the disposition of all members who wish to see them, and

d) that the Lužyska Alianca explicitly and on behalf of the members of the parliament conveys its highest gratitude to the members of EFA for the support received.

We hereby state

- the official recognition of the first freely elected parliament of the Lusatian Wends and Sorbs, and the confirmation of the lawfulness of the election’s procedure by the electoral observers, sent by the EFA, who have submitted a corresponding report on the elections,

- that further monitoring of the process of recognition of the Serbski sejm at national and federal state level is needed, as well as during the negotiations aiming at transferring the competences corresponding to the realization of the intended cultural and educational autonomy.

To this end, the EFA will observe the actions of the governmental agencies, and will, when needed, intervene via its group in the EU parliament or at the EU commission, should the progress not correspond to the standards of international law.

The EFA supports in a suitable manner and if required the recognition of the Lusatian Wends and Sorbs as autochthonous nation, according to the standard of the law of nations, and instigates Germany to implement the long overdue ratification of UN resolution 61/295.