RESOLUTION 2011-07
Sydslesvigsk Forening (SSF) and Dansk Skoleforening for Sydslesvig e.V.

The Assembly of Delegates of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN), adopts at its meeting in Eisenstadt/Željezno, Austria of 3 June 2011 the following resolution,

submitted by Sydslesvigsk Forening (SSF) and Dansk Skoleforening for Sydslesvig e.V.:

The Assembly of Delegates of FUEN notices:

The decision of the Schleswig-Holstein regional government and parliament to cut the subsidies for the schools of the Danish minority from 100% to 85%, is a catastrophic blow to minority policy in Schleswig-Holstein.

The equality between majority and minority that had only just been reinstated in 2008 in regard to school student cost rates is rolled back and minority policy is set back by more than 30 years. The measure means that the Danish minority is forced to make disproportional cuts and hits the Danish minority’s vital nerve in a major part of the region.

FUEN welcomes that the federal government will subsidise the schools of the Danish minority in the region of Schleswig with 3.5 million Euro in the year 2011. This is a clear signal to the regional authorities that the federal government backs the equal treatment of school students of the Danish schools in Schleswig-Holstein.

FUEN unfortunately has to observe that apparently the regional government wants to abolish the minority-political principles of the region at any costs, thereby jeopardising a peace-bringing settlement in the formerly conflictual German-Danish border region.

Under these conditions the region Schleswig-Sønderjylland no longer can be considered to be a model region.

- FUEN calls on the regional government to revert to the principle of equality between minority and majority within the school law of the region and to continue consistently with the positive developments in the border region of the past decades.

- In virtue of the Bonn-Copenhagen Declarations and the minority treaties of the Council of Europe FUEN calls on the government of the Federal Republic of Germany to guarantee the equality of the Danish minority.