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**The Assembly of Delegates of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN),  
at its session on 2 October 2009 in Brussels, adopts the following resolution:**

***“On the situation of the oppressed Balkar people in the  
republic of Kabardino-Balkaria”.***

*Submitted by: National Council of the Balkar People*

The Federal Union of European Nationalities is highly concerned about the longstanding state of hardship for the oppressed Balkar people in the republic of Kabardino-Balkaria (Russian Federation)

Despite a series of former calls on the government of the Russian Federation and that of Kabardino-Balkaria the situation of the Balkar people is not improving at all, it rather is deteriorating continuously.

Contrary to its repeated and legitimate volition in the years 1991, 1992, 1996 and in breach of existing legal norms the Balkar people has been denied its rights to domestic self-determination within the Russian Federation.

Moreover the territorial rights of the Balkarians have not been restored, 52 years after their return to their homeland from deportation and despite federal law “About the rehabilitation of the oppressed peoples” that has been in force since 1991. This means automatic loss of those political and civil rights that they had even under the rule of the Stalin-regime.

At the same moment the Kabardino-Balkaria laws nr. 12-RS and 13-RS of 27/02/2005 violate the existing federal law nr. 131-FS of 6/10/2003, while they foresee an unlawful deprivation of 80% of the Balkarian area, which is not only the historic homeland and area of living of this people, but also its only source of income.

In the end in Kabardino-Balkaria not only existing federal legislation on adherence to the legitimate rights of the oppressed Balkar people are ruthlessly disregarded today, but also concrete rulings of the constitutional court of the Russian Federation on the protection of the interests of the Balkars.

Such an unconcealed unprotectedness of its constitutional rights and legitimate interests brought the Balkar people into a state of national hardship and ethnic catastrophe.

On the basis of the aforementioned the Federal Union of European Nationalities urges upon the president, the parliament and the government of the Russian Federation, the Council of Europe and the United Nations to guarantee effective implementation of all political, socio-economical and first of all territorial rights of the oppressed Balkar people, according to existing Russian legislation and the principles of international law.