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

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Taking into account that the current social-political and cultural context which due to the tendency of identity's globalization imposes actions for the preservation and development of the specific elements of the ethnic groups within an institutional frame

**The Arman Community of Romania expects and call upon Romania**

1. Design special programs that will allow the Armans to preserve their own ethnic and cultural identity.
2. Introduce the Aromanian language - in order to be studied - into the elementary and secondary educational systems, within the regions where it is widely used; support the establishment of an university chair dedicated to the Aromanian language.
3. Introduce the Aromanian language into the public/ governmental mass media.
4. Assure a respectful treatment of the Recommendation 1333/1997 regarding the Arman language and culture from the side of governmental institutions, taking into account that 12 years after the adoption this Recommendation did not produced expected effects for the Armans and the year 2009 is still finding them under the threat of their disappearance as a distinct people.

**Balkan countries: Bulgaria , Greece , Albania , R. of Macedonia**

1. Initiate and maintain a constructive institutional dialogue between the "Arman Council" - as a representatively body of the Armans at the regional level - and the governments of all the countries mentioned within the Recommendation 1333/1997.
2. Assure the appropriate support to organize the census of Armans in all states, with a representative of the Armans' Council in the organizing committee and an observer from the Council of Europe;

## **Council of Europe**

1. Cooperate with „Arman Council” for an appropriate legal frame, in order to facilitate - for Arman people the process of acquiring all the rights prescribed for the persons belonging to national minorities.
2. Support Arman people in its efforts to maintain and develop the identity related goals. Follow the necessary steps that could give hope to the survival of the Arman language and culture. Today, those special features which allowed the Armans to adapt anywhere in the world without losing their identity and national conscience, are no longer sufficient without an institutional support from the states where they live and also from the European institutions.