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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:

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The ethnic minorities in France are close to death. Over more than hundred years old secular oppression is nearly coming to its final purpose : the total extermination of the “non French words”. The first victim is the Flemish speaking community which is to the point of complete extinction. People over 40 years and above still have more or less the knowledge of the Flemish language, on the other hand their children don't speak it anymore. To be able to survive, very drastic measures have to be taken before it is too late. The school is the only answer to stop it.

The legal obligation of the mother tongue has to be introduced again, where adults still speak the Flemish in order to regain conscious to our people the sacrificed youth, our lost young generations. The experiences teaches us that a voluntary school formula doesn't lead nowhere, that at the end the initiative is completely abandoned.

Some will object that an imposed instruction (by law) isn't democratic. Let us put this question : is the French facultative ? Let us remember by which means and brutality since 1881, the French has been imposed to the children in Flanders, at that moment purely Flemish speaking. It's a moral fact that today the Flemish should be taught at school in a legal way. The French government has the duty to re-establish the injustice caused to the Flemish in Flanders.

Our resolutions project is as follows :

1. The exclusive use of the local dialect at the nursery schools.
2. At the primary school : the literary Dutch as the first compelled language. The teaching must be done in Dutch if teachers are available. If not, Dutch education with the help of French.

3. It'll be allowed to appeal foreign teachers (Belgians, Dutch, others) with the same salaries of the French. The government is taking charge of the allowances.
4. The secondary school is simply continuing the Dutch, in parity with the French.

None of this resolutions project will be realized without an active push of the other European democratic communities. So that France 'll be able to make up its cultural arrears, to restore its injustices committed in the past and satisfy the moral requirements.

The Presidium of the UFCEE pushes intensively France to an honorable conduct in this important matter.