Resolution

Resolution for the Protection of Minority Rights in Greece

Preamble

RECOGNIZING, the rich cultural diversity and historical contributions of the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities in Greece,

AFFIRMING, the principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights, and other relevant international human rights instruments,

EMPHASIZING, the importance of protecting the rights of all minority groups to ensure equality, dignity, and mutual respect within Greek society,

ACKNOWLEDGING, the ongoing challenges faced by minority communities in Greece and the need for enhanced measures to safeguard their rights and well-being,

We, the representatives of the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities in Greece, hereby resolve that the Greek government **officially recognizes minority rights**—

1.1. Call upon the Greek government to officially recognize the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities as distinct cultural and ethnic communities with unique identities, languages, and traditions.

1.2. Urge the implementation of policies that respect and promote the cultural, linguistic, and religious rights of all minority groups in Greece.

We, the representatives of the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities in Greece, hereby resolve that the Greek government **protects against discrimination**—

2.1. Demand the enactment and enforcement of comprehensive anti-discrimination laws that protect minority individuals and communities from any form of discrimination, harassment, or violence.

2.2. Insist on the establishment of an independent body to monitor and report on instances of discrimination and hate crimes against minority communities.

We, the representatives of the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities in Greece, hereby resolve that the Greek government **educational rights**—

3.1. Advocate for the inclusion of minority languages and cultures in the national education curriculum, ensuring that children from minority backgrounds have access to quality education that respects their heritage.

3.2. Encourage the creation and support of educational institutions and programs that provide instruction in minority languages.

We, the representatives of the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities in Greece, hereby resolve that the Greek government **promotes political participation**—

4.1. Call for measures to enhance the political representation and participation of minority communities in local, regional, and national decision-making processes.

4.2. Support the establishment of advisory councils or committees comprising representatives from minority groups to provide input on policies affecting their communities.

We, the representatives of the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities in Greece, hereby resolve that the Greek government **promotes cultural preservation**—

5.1. Promote initiatives aimed at preserving and revitalizing the cultural heritage, traditions, and languages of the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities.

5.2. Seek funding and support for cultural events, festivals, and institutions that celebrate the diversity of Greece’s minority communities.

We, the representatives of the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities in Greece, hereby resolve that the Greek government **promotes social and economic inclusion**—

6.1. Advocate for equal access to employment, healthcare, housing, and social services for minority individuals and communities.

6.2. Encourage the development of programs that address the specific socio-economic challenges faced by minority groups and promote their full integration into Greek society.

We, the representatives of the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities in Greece, hereby resolve that the Greek government **promotes cooperation and dialogue**—

7.1. Pledge to foster cooperation and dialogue among the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities to promote mutual understanding and solidarity.

7.2. Commit to working together with the Greek government, civil society, and international organizations to advance the rights and well-being of all minority communities in Greece.

Conclusion

We, the undersigned representatives of the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities in Greece, reaffirm our commitment to the protection and promotion of minority rights and call upon the Greek government and society to join us in this vital endeavor.

Signed:

- **Representative from the Macedonian Minority**

- **Representative from the Turkish Minority**

- **Activist from the Aromanian/Aromanian/Vlach Minority**

- **Representative from United Macedonian Diaspora**

Action Plan for Recognizing and Promoting Minority Rights in Greece (2024-2025)

2024

January - March:

1. Formation of a Minority Rights Coalition
    - Activity: Establish a coalition comprising representatives from the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish minorities.
    - Timeline: January 2024
    - Responsible Parties: Minority community leaders
    - Outcome: A unified body to coordinate minority rights advocacy efforts.
2. Needs Assessment and Data Collection
    - Activity: Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment and data collection to identify key issues and challenges faced by each minority group.
    - Timeline: January - February 2024
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, academic institutions, NGOs
    - Outcome: A detailed report on the current state of minority rights and needs.
3. Stakeholder Engagement and Awareness Campaign
    - Activity: Launch an awareness campaign to inform the public and key stakeholders about the importance of recognizing minority rights.
    - Timeline: February - March 2024
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, media partners, civil society organizations
    - Outcome: Increased public awareness and support for minority rights.

April - June:

4. Policy Advocacy and Lobbying
    - Activity: Develop and submit policy proposals to the Greek government advocating for the official recognition of minority rights and anti-discrimination measures.
    - Timeline: April - June 2024
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, legal experts, human rights organizations
    - Outcome: Policy proposals submitted to relevant government bodies.
5. Educational Workshops and Training Programs

- Activity: Organize educational workshops and training programs for educators, government officials, and law enforcement on minority rights and cultural sensitivity.
- Timeline: April - June 2024
- Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, educational institutions, human rights organizations
- Outcome: Enhanced understanding and implementation of minority rights in education and public services.

July - September:

6. Cultural Exchange Programs and Festivals
    - Activity: Host cultural exchange programs and festivals to celebrate the heritage and traditions of the Macedonian, Turkish, Aromanian/Vlach, Albanian, and Jewish communities.
    - Timeline: July - September 2024
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, cultural organizations, local governments
    - Outcome: Strengthened cultural ties and increased visibility of minority cultures.
7. Legal Support and Anti-Discrimination Initiatives
    - Activity: Establish legal support services and anti-discrimination initiatives to assist minority individuals facing discrimination or legal challenges.
    - Timeline: July - September 2024
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, legal aid organizations, human rights groups
    - Outcome: Improved access to justice for minority individuals.

October - December:

8. Monitoring and Reporting Mechanisms
    - Activity: Set up monitoring and reporting mechanisms to track progress on minority rights and report any incidents of discrimination or rights violations.
    - Timeline: October - December 2024
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, independent monitoring bodies
    - Outcome: Regular reports on the status of minority rights and prompt response to violations.
9. Evaluation and Strategic Planning

- Activity: Evaluate the year's activities and develop a strategic plan for 2025.
- Timeline: December 2024
- Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, external evaluators
- Outcome: A comprehensive evaluation report and strategic plan for the upcoming year.

2025

January - March:

1. Expansion of Legal Protections
    - Activity: Advocate for the enactment of stronger legal protections against discrimination and for the recognition of minority rights in national legislation.
    - Timeline: January - March 2025
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, legal experts, policymakers
    - Outcome: Draft legislation proposals submitted to the Greek Parliament.
2. Community Empowerment Programs
    - Activity: Launch community empowerment programs focused on economic development, education, and health for minority communities.
    - Timeline: January - March 2025
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, NGOs, government agencies
    - Outcome: Improved socio-economic status and well-being of minority communities.

April - June:

3. Intercultural Dialogue Forums
    - Activity: Organize intercultural dialogue forums to foster mutual understanding and cooperation between minority groups and the broader Greek society.
    - Timeline: April - June 2025
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, civil society organizations, local governments
    - Outcome: Enhanced social cohesion and reduced cultural tensions.
4. Youth Engagement and Leadership Development
    - Activity: Implement youth engagement and leadership development programs to empower young people from minority communities.
    - Timeline: April - June 2025

- Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, educational institutions, youth organizations
- Outcome: A new generation of minority leaders and advocates.

July - September:

5. International Advocacy and Support
    - Activity: Engage with international organizations and human rights bodies to garner support for minority rights in Greece.
    - Timeline: July - September 2025
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, international human rights organizations
    - Outcome: Increased international awareness and support for minority rights in Greece.
6. Cultural Heritage Preservation Projects
    - Activity: Initiate projects aimed at preserving and documenting the cultural heritage of minority communities, including oral histories, music, and art.
    - Timeline: July - September 2025
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, cultural heritage organizations
    - Outcome: Safeguarding and promotion of minority cultural heritage.

October - December:

7. Annual Minority Rights Conference
    - Activity: Host an annual conference on minority rights in Greece to review progress, share best practices, and set priorities for the coming year.
    - Timeline: October 2025
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, academic institutions, human rights organizations
    - Outcome: A platform for dialogue, networking, and planning.
8. Publication of Annual Report
    - Activity: Publish an annual report detailing the progress made in recognizing and promoting minority rights, along with recommendations for further actions.
    - Timeline: December 2025
    - Responsible Parties: Minority Rights Coalition, independent researchers
    - Outcome: A comprehensive report to inform stakeholders and guide future efforts.