



Recalling the Charter of United Nations, Universal declaration on human rights, Framework convention for protection of national minorities, European charter on minority or regional languages, Constitution of Republic of Serbia, Law on protection of rights and freedoms of national minority, Law on national councils of national minorities and other domestic and international documents in the field for protection of human and minority rights;

Affirming democratic changes until 2000, and acknowledging all efforts of Serbia and its institutions that have been made to enhance and improve the legal framework for protection of minority rights in Serbia;

Acknowledging commitment to peace, anti-fascism, democracy and regionalism, tolerance, coexistence, and equality of all people and citizens in Serbia;

Starting from the fact that Sandzak Bosniaks with their national identity, are native people on the region of Sandzak and Serbia and are part of Bosniak national corpus, with Bosnia and Herzegovina as mother country and their homeland;

Persuaded to contribute to European integration of Serbia, as the space of stable peace, rule of law and prosperous multiethnic society, and given twenty years of work and continuity of Bosniak National Council to represent the legitimate interest of the Bosniak national community in Serbia;

Bosniak National Council in Serbia, on the meeting held in Novi Pazar, on 01st of March, 2012, adopted:

RESOLUTION ON POSITION AND ACHIEVEMENT OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF BOSNIAK PEOPLE IN SERBIA

1) Bosniak National Council ascertains that Serbia has decades of constantly challenging the rights of Bosniaks to their national identity, as well as appropriation of overall Bosniak cultural heritage by official government agencies and the renaming of that heritage in the heritage of the Serbian people;

Bosniak national council demands full recognition of Bosniak national identity and possibility of usage of individual human and minority rights of Bosniaks in Serbia, and in the region of Sandzak unblocking of the process of complete application of collective minority rights guaranteed by the Constitution, laws and standards of European Union, and in areas:

- a) official and public usage of Bosnian language and letter;
- b) right to education in Bosnian language and letter;
- c) right to informing in Bosnian language and letter;
- d) right to protection and promotion of cultural heritage;

2) Bosniak national council pleads for democratic, and on European principles arranged multi-ethnic state of Serbia, as community of equal citizens and people that live in it, in which sense asks for her adequate redefinition, therefore, change of the article 1. Of the Constituion of Republic of Serbia from 2006, by which it will be arranged on that way;

3) Expressing concern that Sandzak Bosniaks in Serbia still feel insecure in this area because of the known events and atrocities that were committed against Bosniaks during the nineties of the twentieth century, the Bosniak National Council requests from the authorities to

fully illuminate and prosecute those responsible for serious violations of human rights and crimes committed against the Bosniak people in Sandzak, including immediate termination of the trial mounted against 24 Bosniaks that began in 1993rd year;

4) Bosniak National Council requests from the Government of the Republic of Serbia realization of the return of refugees, displaced and expelled Bosniaks, especially in border areas of the municipality Priboj, and their survival and sustainable living, and raising the worthy memorial to the victims of kidnappings in Strpci and Sjeverin and fair financial compensation to their families;

5) Bosniak National Council calls upon the relevant state bodies to harmonize the national composition of employees in the police, judiciary, prosecutors and other public services in Sandzak municipalities;

6) In order to reduce the decades of underdevelopment in the area of Sandzak, and achieving balanced regional development, the Bosniak National Council, invites the authorities to intensive infrastructural and overall economic development and increased investment in the Sandzak region;

7) Bosniak National Council is strongly opposed to the rehabilitation of the war criminal Draza Mihajlovic and the Chetnik movement, which is deeply disturbing and offensive to Bosniaks in Sandzak, and which is irreversibly moving Serbia away from full membership in the European Union, whose system of values is based on the idea of anti-fascism;

8) Bosniak National Council strongly supports the unification of the Islamic community in the Republic of Serbia, and calls religious leaders for dialogue that would lead to a mutually satisfactory solution, in accordance with Islamic law and the Ottoman tradition, in the interest of all believers;

9) Bosniak National Council supports the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Bosnia and Herzegovina, condemning the aggression and genocide against the Bosniak people, and on this basis and construction of a special arrangement of entities in it, arguing for the principle of reciprocity status and rights of Bosniaks in Serbia in relation to the position and rights of Serbis in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

10) In accordance with the positive experience of EU countries, the Bosniak National Council believes that the process of decentralization and regionalization of Serbia, the town of Novi Pazar and Tutin municipality, Sjenica, Nova Varos, Prijepolje and Priboj shall constitute an administrative area or special regional government, in which sense requires the change of the Article 176, of the Constitution of Republic of Serbia, which would guarantee citizens the right to regional autonomy in the Sandzak region of Serbia, as well as the right to establish a cross-border cooperation with regions and the southern part of the Sandzak region in Montenegro;

Bosniak National Council calls all Bosniaks, as well as all the legitimate representatives of the Bosniak people in the public institutions, to participate actively in the implementation of this resolution and achievement of the Bosniak national consensus and unity, therefore to appoint to the authorities in Serbia to the unsustainability of the current situation and the necessity of an amendment to manner as described in this resolution, because only in this situation Bosniaks in Sandzak could fully accept Serbia as their homeland and respect its Constitution and laws.

Bosniak National Council will in this occasion address to all domestic and international institutions for the sake of protection of its rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution.

In Novi Pazar,
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