



Declaration nr. 7

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Declaration: Protection of indigenous Sorb villages and Lusatian land in Germany.

Bearing in mind that:

- a) The European Union was founded as a direct result of two world wars which were started by Germany, and in order to therefore avoid ethnic oppression in Europe;
- b) Irreplaceable landscapes and many indigenous Sorb villages and Lusatian land have been and continue being destroyed by German authorities on the basis of a still enforced Nazi law;

The European Free Alliance urges the German Government to:

1. Ratify the ILO-169 Convention for the rights of indigenous peoples
2. Eliminate still enforced Nazi-dispossession laws immediately
3. Give priority to sustainable development, clean-tech and public well being instead of large scale strip-mining within densely populated EU regions

The European Free Alliance firmly condemns the policy and actions of the German Government against the indigenous Sorb people and their lands.

Explanatory note :

Sorbs are an indigenous nation and minority within the Lusatia region in Germany. Over 3000 square kilometers of urban Lusatian land and over 136 villages, the cradle of Sorb culture, were destroyed by open-cast lignite mining. There is no economic need for further coal expansion. For centuries Sorbs have been under German pressure to give up their own Slavonic culture. This Nazi law has made it possible to confiscate privately owned houses in Lusatia on a huge scale. The present German government has allowed the Swedish State energy trust, Vattenfall, to use it to destroy an area in Lusatia the size of Luxemburg.