

RESOLUTION

The Internationaler Verband der deutschen Kultur IVDK, the federal national-cultural autonomy of the Germans in Russia and the youth organisation Jugendring der Russlanddeutschen

The Assembly of Delegates of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) adopted the following resolution in Hotel des Nordens in Flensburg, Germany, on 10 May 2014:

Resolution “About further Rehabilitation of the Germans in Russia”

The legitimate representative societal organisations of the Germans in Russia – the Internationaler Verband der deutschen Kultur IVDK, the federal national-cultural autonomy of the Germans in Russia and the youth organisation Jugendring der Russlanddeutschen – express their support for the efforts in regard to the rehabilitation of the Germans in Russia who are living in Crimea.

At the same time IVDK raises attention for the fact that the Germans in Russia nowadays are living widely dispersed across the Russian Federation, after they were deported; they lack many important elements of their national-cultural infrastructure. This makes the preservation and development of the German minority much more difficult and it leads to increasing assimilation of the Germans in Russia.

The Assembly of Delegates of FUEN:

1. is of the opinion that the process of rehabilitation of the Germans in Russia shall be continued;
2. notes and regrets that the historical justice for the Germans in Russia has still not been fully reinstated until the present day. Apart from a number of measures taken, the consequences of the illegal deportation and the violation of their rights have not been redressed until now. Also the definitive end to the consequences of the repression has failed to materialise.
3. supports the demands of Internationaler Verband der deutschen Kultur IVDK about the necessity of continuing with and completing the rehabilitation of the ethnic German people of Russia by:
 - creating the required legal, organisational and socio-economic conditions for the return of the deported Germans to their traditional area of living;
 - providing long-term state support for the programme for ethno-cultural revival and development of the Germans who are living in the territory of the Russian Federation.

Approved by the Presidium of Internationaler Verband der deutschen Kultur IVDK, April 2014