



Motion nr. 1

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**Motion: The EU should acknowledge its responsibility for minority policy in Europe**

- A. Considering the judgment of the European Court of Justice of 3 February 2017 that the decision by the European Commission in September 2013 to reject the registration of the European Citizens' Initiative Minority SafePack was unlawful.
- B. Considering the judge's conviction that the Commission infringed its obligation to state reasons since it didn't clarify which of Minority SafePack's initiatives didn't fall within its responsibility.

the European Free Alliance calls for

1. the EU to finally acknowledge its responsibility towards minorities in Europe and to pursue an active European minority policy.
2. the appointment of an EU Commissioner responsible for national minorities and ethnic groups in the European Union, among other initiatives.

Reasoning:

The reasoning of the judgment of the European Court of Justice on the European Citizens' Initiative Minority SafePack clearly shows that the European Union has responsibility for minorities and for minority policy in the states of the European Union. The European Commission had hitherto contested this.