



FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATED LACONIAN SOCIETIES Ltd.

ΟΜΟΣΠΟΝΔΙΑ ΗΝΩΜΕΝΩΝ ΛΑΚΩΝΙΚΩΝ ΣΩΜΑΤΕΙΩΝ

6804 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11220, USA

Tel. (718) 745-6005 Fax. (718) 680-2830

«ΣΤΗΝ ΥΠΗΡΕΣΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΣΠΑΡΤΗΣ, ΛΑΚΩΝΙΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΥ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΣΜΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ 1972»

“SERVING SPARTA, LACONIA AND HELLENISM SINCE 1972”

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution on the mistreatment of native Hellenes (Greeks) in Albania.

President

Timoleon Kakouros

1. Whereas the Albanian government has recently illegally and in a discriminatory manner demolished houses, stores, and Greek Orthodox churches of native ethnic Hellenes,

A' Vice President

Louis Panagiotakakos

2. Whereas the Hellenic population in Albania is indigenous, with continuous historical and prehistorical presence,

Exec. Gen. Secretary

Athina Pristouris

3. Whereas Albania has not met the requirements of the European Union to enact legislation to expand and improve basic rights of ethnic minorities in the country or to raise the status of the department of minorities to cabinet level,

Exec. Treasurer

Gregory Vasilakos

4. Whereas ethnic Hellenes (Greeks) continue to be blocked from positions of authority in the police, the judiciary, the armed force and public administration so that they feel powerless and are forced to seek refuge in Hellas (Greece) and abroad,

Ephor

Constantinos Lekas

5. Whereas Albania has tried to disenfranchise ethnic Hellenes (Greeks) and to undermine their cohesiveness through punitive redistricting of voting districts and administrative regions,

Legal Advisor

Dimitrios Kalamaras

6. Whereas the Albanian authorities allow false claims and fraudulent documents to be used to take property from ethnic Hellenes (Greeks) which their families owned for generations,

Communications

Director

Ioannis Koutalis

Resolved, that the federation of Associated Laconian Societies:

PRESIDENTS OF MEMBER SOCIETIES

George Drogaris

Timoleon Kakouros

George Katsihtis

Constantinos Lekas

Theodore Mastakouris

Louis Panagiotakakos

Symeon Vouyiouklis

1. demands from the Albanian government, the immediate and permanent cessation of the demolitions and the immediate just compensation for loss and suffering to the native ethnic Hellenes in Albania.

2. demands from the Albanian government to give special emphasis to the protection and preservation of native Hellenes.

3. demands the Albanian government to enhance its full acceptance in the community of responsible nations by restoring the ethnic Hellenic (Greek) minority, all educational, religious, political, linguistic, and cultural rights due them under bilateral and international agreements signed by its representatives since country was created in 1913 including the right to declare their ethnic and religious affiliation in a census monitored by international observers.

4. demands the Albanian government to finally honor the 1935 advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice to allow ethnic Hellenes (Greeks) to educate their children in their mother tongue wherever they live.
5. demands the Hellenic (Greek) government to raise a strong voice in international organizations for the rights of ethnic Hellenes (Greeks) in Albania and to do everything in its power to help the Hellenes (Greek) of the Northern Epirus working in Hellas (Greece) to return to their homes, by providing economic assistance that will allow them to earn their livelihood in their native region and maintain its identity.
6. demands the Hellenic (Greek) Parliament to adopt a resolution that it will not approve Albania's membership in the European Union unless it first grants all rights to the ethnic Hellenic (Greek) minority in the country, starting with an accurate measure of its members.

Sincerely yours,

Timoleon Kakouros
President

Louis Panagiotakakos
Vice President

Athena Pristouri
General Secretary