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Subject: Romanian socialists call MEPs not to sign Written Declaration 61

Dear colleagues,

On June 19, Written Declaration 61 was submitted for signature. The document refers to University 'Babes-Bolyai' from Cluj, mentioning a series of critiques on the attitude of the Romanian government towards this institution.

We hereby ask you not to sign this declaration for a series of justified reasons.

First of all, it is most important that the European Parliament does not encourage ethnic segregation, both in general and also, in particular, as concerns the learning process. This Declaration constitutes political meddling in the autonomy of a multicultural university, a most prestigious institution of the Romanian university environment and an illustration of European multiculturalism vision.

Second, it is worth noting that we find rather strange the fact that a party which is a governing one, like UDMR (the Democratic Union of Hungarians in Romania), deplores governmental action as if not being part of the team in power. This only proves that we are dealing with a low-level political demarche, that has nothing to do with concrete realities and only manages to generate interethnic tension and reopen to debate problems that were already solved.

Third and final, we, as Romanian social-democrats would like to remind that we have always been in favor of respecting minority rights and their access to education in the native language. In this particular case, we find the criticism in Written Declaration 61 inappropriate and totally unproductive since leading to university ethnical segregation in a country where the university system enjoys constant budgetary support.

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