Motions and Declarations

Motion/Declaration number	5
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Name of the person introducing the Motion/Declaration to the GA	Ondřej Hýsek
Member party	Moravian Movement (Moravské zemské hnutí)
Title (of the Motion/Declaration)	Ignoring Moravian heritage and rejecting rights of this Central European land in the Czech Republic, in the long term

- a. Stressing unalienable rights of Moravia, which flourished for centuries as the Margraviate of Moravia, one of the Crown Lands of the Habsburg Empire, with its Constitution, Assembly and Government, until 1918, and which had its partly autonomous status afterwards, as the Moravian-Silesian Land (within the former Czechoslovakia), until the imposition of the cruel Stalinist regime in 1948.
- b. Noting the brutal suppression of the "Prague Spring" in August 1968 by the military aggression against Czechoslovakia by the Warsaw Pact led by the Soviet Army, which abruptly discontinued the on-going process of devolution in the former Czechoslovakia, and resulted in the totalitarian regime of the dualistic Czechoslovak state based on the absolutisation of the national principle of two ruling nations (Czech and Slovak) with heavy centralization and no place for Moravia and Southern Silesia, which were, first time ever, completely incorporated to the Czech Socialistic Republic.
- c. Recognizing the long-time expected Resolution of the Federal Assembly of the new democratic Czech and Slovak Federative Republic No 212 of 9 May 1990 on renewing the Moravian-Silesian self-government, which was never put into life, and which is still in the Collection of Laws.
- d. Recalling continuing heavy centralization and total disregard of the principle of "no taxation without representation", as well as an absolute failure to implement the above resolution by the various governments of the Czech Republic in Prague during the past three decades.
- e. Noting the 20th anniversary of infamous establishing of 14 unnatural small regions in the Czech Republic, in the spirit of divide et impera, which pays no respect to the territoriality, sovereignty, and historical rights of neither Bohemia, nor Moravia and Southern Silesia.

The European Free Alliance declares that:

• The Parliament of the Czech Republic should introduce and implement a modification of the political and administrative division of the Czech Republic to satisfy geographical, cultural, historical and economic aspects

and to respect self-government and self- determination rights, in accordance to the above Resolution of 1990;

- The Government of the Czech Republic should introduce and implement devolution of the needed powers, notably taxation, environment, culture, education, and transportation, to the Bohemian, Moravian, Southern Silesian and Prague lands;
- The Public Authorities in the Czech Republic and their activities, including public radio and TV broadcasting, education, culture, sports, environment and other fields, should be organized with respect to the traditional land administration of Bohemia, Moravia and Southern Silesia;
- Traditions, culture, and environment in Moravia and Southern Silesia should be fully respected.

The EFA strongly and unequivocally condemns ongoing anti-Moravian policies and actions of the Czech Republic Government.

Explanatory note:

Our movement hopes that, united with other regional movements and parties in Europe in general, and in Central Europe in particular, and with the support of the EFA, it can put more pressure on the central government in Prague to get fairer administrative structures and more powers to the local governments.

If the General Assembly of the EFA approves the above declaration, the position of our movement in the next regional elections will be significantly stronger, and we might at long last hope to achieve adequate representation at various public bodies, and, as a result, be able to fight with more success for the revival of Moravia, as a self-government region within the Czech Republic and the EU.