

European Coalitions for Cultural Diversity

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Italy, Spain, Slovakia, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom*

Motion of the European Coalitions for Cultural Diversity

The European Coalitions for Cultural Diversity have met this day, June 10th 2008, in Brussels:

Considering that the Convention on the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions has been adopted by the UNESCO General Conference in October 2005;

That the Convention has come into force on March 18th 2007;

That, to this day, the European Community as well as 83 countries have ratified the Convention, amongst which 24 Member States of the European Union;

That, in accordance with the decision of the Council of Ministers of May 2006, all Member States of the European Union should imperatively ratify the Convention in order to allow its implementation on a basis as wide and efficient as possible.

The European Coalitions for Cultural Diversity urge Belgium, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic to ratify the Convention on the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions without further delay and to participate in its implementation.

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