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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on recognition of special autonomous status for the province of Belluno

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on recognition of special autonomous status for the province of Belluno

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas ethnic minorities recognised by the Italian State and by Europe as Ladins and German-speaking minorities live in the province of Belluno in the Veneto Region, alongside Veneto people, whose language is recognised and officially protected by the ‘UNESCO Red Book of Endangered Languages’,
 - B. whereas the special cultural and linguistic characteristics of the local population and that of the Alps and Dolomites around Belluno would be enhanced by a special form of autonomy similar to that enjoyed by Bolzano-South Tyrol, Trento and the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia,
 - C. whereas the government of the province of Belluno has long since requested a special form of autonomy similar to that enjoyed by Bolzano-South Tyrol, Trento and the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, with which the province of Belluno has permanent economic, cultural and social ties,
1. Calls on the Italian Government to grant the province of Belluno a special form of autonomy, with negotiations to be conducted directly by representatives of the Veneto Region, the Italian State and the government of the province of Belluno.