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on the failure to respect language rights in France

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the failure to respect language rights in France

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the decisions of the Council of State of the French Republic of 28 October 2002 in the cases involving the Syndicat national des enseignements du second degré *et al* and the Conseil national des Groupes académiques de l'enseignement public, UNSA *et al* respectively,
- B. noting that these decisions call into question, on the basis of supposed illegality, the rules that were to permit the integration of 'Diwan' Breton schools into the public education system and the perpetuation and development of immersion teaching methods for indigenous languages as well as equal-footing bilingual education using such languages,
 - 1. Points out that human rights as conceived in Europe today include collective rights such as these, which are minority rights, and respect for linguistic and cultural diversity;
 - 2. Calls on France, therefore, to attune its language laws to the situation in Europe;
 - 3. Expresses its total solidarity with all the families affected by these decisions, with the teachers concerned, and with the public- and private-sector establishments that have developed these teaching methods;
 - 4. Undertakes to bring to bear all the political means at its disposal to ensure that the various language communities of France have the legal means to facilitate the forms of education most apt to repair the damage caused by the linguicidal policy which has been pursued for many centuries by that country and to ensure the harmonious joint and several development thereof in the interests of the heritage of Europe.