

# Improvement of Catalonia's educational system

Statement nº 1

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## ABSTRACT

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## **II Eupas Congress**

### **Improvement of Catalonia's educational system**

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**Alarmed by** the low scores obtained in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) by Spain's public educational system compared to the average of the European Union (EU),

**Taking into consideration** that in Spain education is greatly handled by each community,

**Aware that** in Catalonia students have suffered great indoctrination through education and public media due to the nationalist movement that holds power,

**Deeply conscious** of the risk that promoting nationalist movements in children can cause in the future,

**Noting further** that the government of Catalonia has increased exponentially the hours of class in Catalan in detriment of Spanish,

**Noticing** that this causes a great damage in the PISA scores of Spanish speakers and immigrants;

1. **Urges** the Catalan Government to stop the indoctrination of students guaranteeing an impartial and inclusive educational system for all;
2. **Encourages** to respect the fundamental principles of non-discrimination and equality of opportunity and treatment stated in the constitution of UNESCO;
3. **Calls for** the implementation of article 26.3 of the Universal Charter of Human Rights which states that "Parents have the right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children" and several other international treaties such as Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (1990) with the purpose of ensuring that children are granted the right to study in their mother tongue;
4. **Suggests** the Spanish state to take action if the clauses above are not implemented by the Catalan government;
5. **Hopes** that the Spanish and Catalan government as well as the EU will stay seized on the matter.