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Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe (ABTTF), established in 1988 and based in Witten/Germany, is an umbrella organization that encompasses 30 associations of the Turkish Minority of Western Thrace in Greece within its body. Its main objective is to protect and promote the rights of the Turkish minority and to aid in obtaining solutions for the concerns of the minority through democracy and peace. Since 2006, ABTTF has been in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (UN), since 2007 a regular member of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) and since 2008 a participating NGO in the Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). ABTTF represents the Turkish minority before international organizations such as the UN, EU, CoE and OSCE and undertakes lobbying activities for the solution of its problems. ABTTF operates solely on a non-profit basis.

Foreword

* ABTTF would like to use interchangeably the phrase “Turkish minority in Western Thrace” to notify “the Muslim minority in Thrace” as it indicates the ethnic identity of the minority.

** ABTTF would like to remind that the phrase “Western Thrace” is a geographical term with no connotations inconsistent with the national unity and territorial integrity of Greece.

This written contribution by ABTTF provides detailed information on the implementation by Greece of those first-cycle UPR recommendations accepted by the State under review that concern the Turkish minority of Western Thrace, including information on developments since the last review in 2011.