



# Transylvanian Monitor

minority and human rights watch

The Hungarian National Council in Transylvania and the Szekler National Council issued the following document on 30 July 2007 including proposals for discussion with the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania about the Purification and Renewal of the Hungarian Transylvanian Representational Policy.

## The contents of the Hungarian Transylvanian political change of regime

The Hungarian Transylvanian political change of regime implies the transition from one-party system to democracy in such a way that the ability of the community to safeguard its interests would not be harmed; moreover it would be enhanced by making use of internal multiculturalism and multifariousness.

The primary requirement of the negotiations is that the leaders of the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania (DAHR) should acknowledge the pluralism and multiculturalism existing within the Hungarian Transylvanian internal community. At the same time, the political organizations in charge of drafting political objectives should undertake the responsibilities to establish and operate the **Hungarian Transylvanian Examinatorial Authority**. This forum would be designed to harmonize the various standpoints and opinions that emerge in the political and public spheres. The ideological fundamental rules for the functioning of this forum are:

- The attempt to restore confidence and solidarity within the community,
- Honoring the rules of democracy and electoral will,
- Propagating multifariousness and division of labour in the realization of communal interests,
- Reaching consensus, i.e. directed decision making in the process of elaboration of the transition from the one-party system to democracy.

Till this forum is established and institutionalized, its function, for the time being, is fulfilled by the paired negotiating parties formed by DAHR and the Hungarian National Council of Transylvania (HNCT).

The assignment of the Hungarian Transylvanian Examinatorial Authority, among others, is to elaborate a programme in order to **join forces of the Transylvanian Hungarian community**, to design its strategic cornerstones and scope of action in time attributed to the above mentioned plan.

## **The program of the joining of forces and union**

### ***I. The potential mutual objectives and active priorities are the following:***

- Recommencing the public debate about the law on the minorities' legal status, the adjustment of the draft, the establishment of the **cultural autonomy within the framework of the constitutional law**. Furthermore, winning its appropriate representation in political negotiations, in the government and Parliament.
- Supporting the territorial autonomy of the Szekler Land
  - The unconditional political and logistic support, by the DAHR local branches, of the inner referendum initiated by the Szekler National Council,
  - The DAHR should support those bills left in abeyance by the present legislature,
  - Those DAHR county local governments which are in majority should adopt a resolution in order to declare elections for local referendums,
  - Those DAHR representatives who are present in the European Parliament should undertake the representation of the Szekler autonomy and persist with their lobby policy in order to support the aforementioned.
- The concrete political representation of the **educational strategy in high schools and universities**:
  - The revision of the law on education (particularly the issue concerning teaching the Romanian language, furthermore teaching history and geography in the mother tongue),
  - Creating legal circumstances for denominational education,
  - Supporting the law on the official recognition for the Partium Christian University,
  - Supporting the process of official recognition for the Sapientia University,
  - The active and direct undertaking of the cause of the Babes-Bolyai University in Bucharest and Brussels,
  - The concrete political and other types of support for the Bolyai Initiative Committee.
- Setting in motion the process of **purification**:
  - The creation of the circumstances for a corruption-free public life,
  - Commencing the political lustration of office-holders, as well the active support of the public acts designed to checking and lustration within the legislative framework,
  - Checking the distribution and utilization of public funds, as well as the abolishment of its distribution on political grounds, furthermore the rescission of the institution of the so-called political “client-system”,
  - Safeguarding the freedom of the press, keeping the party press within their own framework, as well as casting light upon the public funds aimed at financing the press,
  - Depoliticizing the agencies in charge of Hungarian Status IDs and guaranteeing its primary role as civil service.

- The more stressed representation of the **Csángó-case** should achieve concrete results by:
  - Religious masses held in their mother tongue
  - Elementary education in the Hungarian language
  - The representation of the Csángós in front of international forums
- Restoring the partnership between the **churches** and **political life** and depoliticizing the process of the distribution of funds for churches.
- The pressing of the restitution **church** and **community properties** should also be obtained, as well as the compensation process be hastened.
- Another objective is to present, in a more determined way, the **Transylvanian Hungarians' conceptions about the future** in front of the Romanian public opinion. In order to obtain this:
  - The Hungarian political organizations should mutually elaborate a **constitution draft**, which later should be promulgated,
  - Succeeding the Transylvanian public debate (whereto both Hungarian and Romanian professional organizations shall be invited) the **draft law on regions** of the Hungarian National Council shall be submitted to the Parliament

## ***II. Change of regime in the political representation of Transylvania's Hungarians***

In order to obtain this the following criteria are required:

- The modification of the **electoral laws** and the altering of certain antidemocratic as well as discriminatory elements disadvantaging minorities propagated by **party laws**, which, at the same time, support ethno business, a process to be set in motion by the initiatives of the parliamentary fractions of the DAHR.
- The realization of **pluralism in those regions where Hungarians live in majority**, i.e. the idea of a multi-party system should be implemented in the political competition at regional elections.
- **In those regions and settlements, where the mayor's office, as well as representation in the local government can be achieved only by collaboration, a joint list of candidates should be maintained.**
- At the very foundation of this process the **local internal elections** stand, which are organized by the affected and concerned political parties.

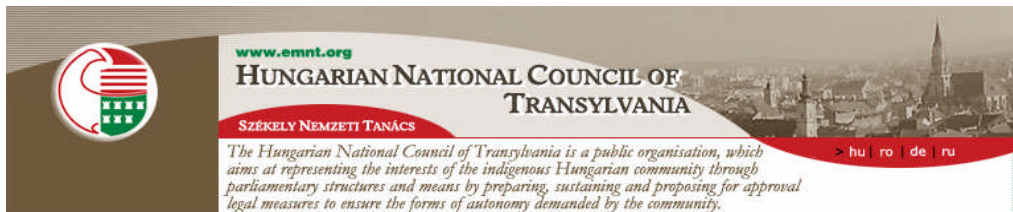
- Agreement in the compilation of the lists containing **representatives to the Parliament** shall be reached according to the following criteria:
  - Through immediate negotiations among those political organizations which already had participated at local elections, or based upon the previous electoral results of certain organizations, *or*
  - Based on the results of the jointly organized primaries (in certain electorates).
- In the case of the elections for the representation in the **European Parliament** the joint list of candidates is compiled based upon internal elections.
- An agreement should be reached with the DAHR concerning, on the one hand, the distribution of the resources attained due to its state of affairs as being a representational monopoly, and, on the other hand, their mutual utilization in case alternative political organization may emerge.

### **III. The reform of the financial assistance system:**

- To guarantee that justice, equity and proportionateness are maintained concerning the distribution of those financial aids and public funds which relate to our national community, moreover, to do completely away with the possibility of the emergence of a political spoils system it is quintessential to introduce a **two-tier determining political machinery** concerning the distribution of the funds provided by both the Hungarian and Romanian governments:
  - On supreme level, the committees, previously formed on a parity base by those organizations which have right to political representation, determine the main channels, regions and proportions of the distribution of these funds,
  - The distribution on immediate levels is determined by boards designated by civil forums thus assuring that the process of judging the applications shall be entirely depoliticized.
- Furthermore, the establishment and functioning of the **Hungarian Transylvanian Foundation** are also essential. The Foundation is designed to encourage bringing up children and choosing identity.

*Previous Transylvanian Monitor issues are available at:*

[www.emnt.org](http://www.emnt.org)



Edited by the Hungarian National Council of Transylvania; drafted by János Antal and Zsolt Szilágyi  
 RO-410095-Oradea, str. J. Calvin 1; fax: +40 259 432837; email: [antaljanos@partium.ro](mailto:antaljanos@partium.ro)

ISSN 1841-0634