



人权理事会
第二十六届会议

议程项目 3

增进和保护所有人权——公民权利、政治权利、
经济、社会和文化权利，包括发展权

希腊常驻联合国日内瓦办事处和瑞士其他国际组织代表团
2014 年 6 月 27 日致联合国人权事务高级专员办事处的普通
照会

希腊常驻联合国日内瓦办事处和瑞士其他国际组织代表团向联合国人权事务高级专员办事处致意，并谨此附上希腊政府对具有特别咨商地位的非政府组织“欧洲西色雷斯土耳其人联合会”2014 年 5 月 26 日提交的书面声明(A/HRC/26/NGO/84)的评论。

希腊常驻代表团谨请高级专员办事处将所附案文*作为人权理事会第二十六届会议议程项目 3 下的文件分发。

* 附件不译，原文照发。



Annex

[English only]

Participation of the muslim minority in Thrace in Greek public life

The allegations expressed in the A/HRC/26/NGO/84 document, submitted to the HRC by the NGO "Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe" have little to do with the actual participation of the Muslim minority to the governance of the local, the regional and the national affairs. According to the above mentioned NGO, Greece is allegedly impeding the political representation of Greek citizens of Muslim faith residing in Thrace in the decision making process at all levels due to the 3% electoral threshold.

Facts suggest otherwise; at the most recent local and regional elections of May 25, 2014 roughly 120 Greek citizens members of the Muslim Minority were elected at the local and regional councils in Thrace; among them three mayors in the cities of Ariana, Iasmos (Rodopi constituency) and Miki (Xanthi constituency). Therefore, the participation of the Muslim Minority in the region's local administration is far from restricted but vigorous and active.

What is more, at the last European elections —held at the same day with the local and regional elections— the "Democracy and Equality Party" gained a considerable part of the ballot in the constituencies of Rodopi and Xanthi — accounting to 41,425 votes with an overall voter turnout in the region as high as 70%.

The 3% electoral threshold is applicable in a non discriminatory way in all elections that are held in Greece. It has never served as the obstacle to the political representation of Greek citizens of Muslim faith residing at the region of Thrace the "Federation of Western Thrace Turks in Europe" wishes to present. In fact, it is as early as 1927 that members of the Muslim Minority have been members of the Hellenic Parliament. And this is the case of almost all parliamentary elections without the exception of the most recent; as of June 17, 2012 three members of the Muslim minority in Thrace serve as MPs in the current Parliament with two different parties.
