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***effe* Resolution on Home Education**

The *effe* embraces besides parents, teachers and educationalists from public and private schools and institutions of higher education, politicians and educational administrators as well as those who wish to provide education and instruction for their children outside the existing school system. In consideration for this latter minority the presidency, the board and the members of the International Council of *effe* adopted the following resolution:

We call upon the Parliaments, the Ministers of Education and school authorities of the various provinces that make up the Federal Republic of Germany, in accordance with existing international agreements, to replace the duty of parents to send their children to school with a duty to provide their children with education and instruction.

The Reasons for this Resolution:

In almost all of Germany's neighbours and indeed in most European countries instead of a duty to seek education and instruction in a public school or in a private school recognised by the state, such things can be sought through instruction in the home ('home schooling'). This is in accordance with Article 28 of the UN Convention on Children's Rights as it appears in the English, French and Spanish versions of this Convention. The German version however...

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insists on school attendance and does not represent a true expression of the Convention's **right to education**, which is expressed correctly in the English, French and Spanish versions:

- *make primary education compulsory and available free to all*
- *ils rendent l'enseignement primaire obligatoire et gratuit pour tous*
- *implantar la enseñanza primaria obligatoria y gratuita para todos.*

Decided by: Board, Presidency and International Council of the European Forum for Freedom in Education (*effe*) in April 2007