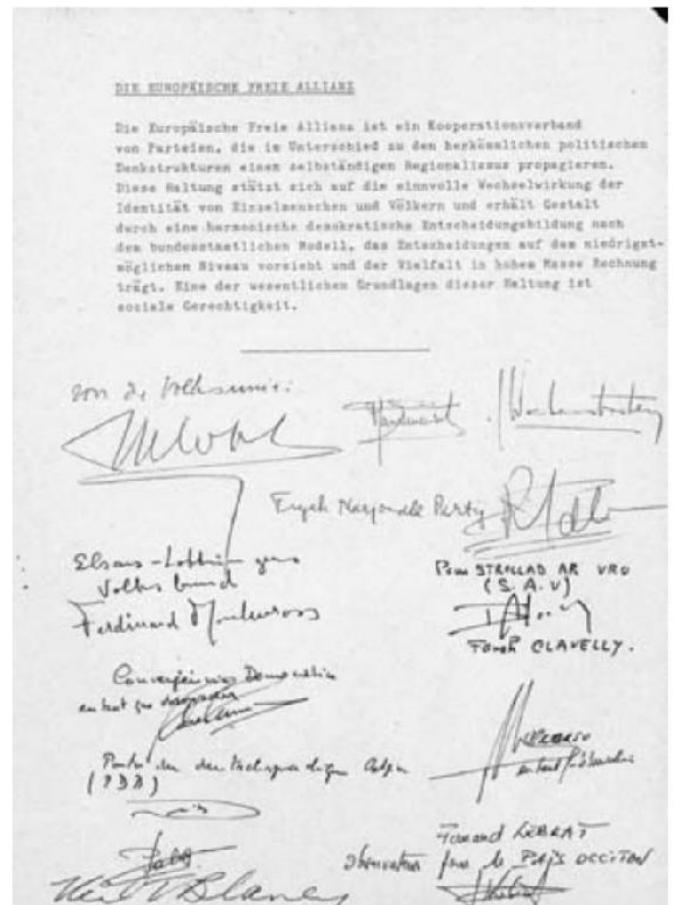


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## Context

This program for the first European Parliament elections came from the Volksunie program and was the thesis to European Free Alliance (EFA), founded in 1981.

## Abstract

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Nations are the natural communities in which people, as individuals and as members of society, can develop their potential to the full and have the opportunity to attain their objectives and defend their interests. Personal identity can only be safeguarded of the collective identity of the nation to which each person belongs is also safeguarded. This new humanism is the ethic on which our political convictions are based.

Peoples which do not constitute states in their own right have the right, nevertheless, to develop their own cultural identity. This right must be enshrined and safeguarded by the political entity to which they have freely chosen to belong.

Developments in science, technology and the economy mean that political decisions are being taken by larger and larger entities. This rapidly leads to a situation where the democracy and identity of nations and individuals are threatened.

The trend towards larger units must therefore be accompanied by a strengthening and highlighting of the identity of these natural communities.

A European authority therefore should not be a centralized bureaucratic machine, but a political structure resulting from a decision in which all peoples and individuals have had a say.

Instead of a monolithic and centrally-governed Europe we propose a Europe of the peoples, in which all peoples are equal and work freely together. These peoples should have the sovereign right to decide independently on their accession to international agreements.

Isolationism runs counter to our concept of nationalism. We declare our solidarity with all peoples of Europe and the world, in particular those who suffer under foreign and dictatorial domination and those who are on the road towards full development.

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