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Preamble

The following program is the foundation of Kaszëbskô Jednota Association for the coming years. As an NGO, we are not affiliated to any political party. We have our own policy, which is there to develop Kashubian national consciousness and to build a strong, self-governing voivodship of Pomerania. We stand for the cultural autonomy of the Kashubian people and the region that is based on civil society, whose identity we want to contribute to equally with all its inhabitants: Poles, communities such as Kociewiaczy, Pomeranian Germans and Ukrainians. We want to be one for Pomerania!

Why should we cooperate?

We all see that the centralist policy spreads in Poland to ever-wider circles. It is favoured by globalization, as well as individualisation. Both phenomena are the source of the disappearance of human solidarity. This, however, does not have to be! We need not be the same in a centrally directed state. We can be united in diversity for Pomerania.

As for the choice of what is most important for us. Should it be the rejection of our own history and culture, our way of life, care for the Pomeranian society, our values and future generations? Now, when so little of our taxes (we must remember that soon support of the European Union will end) remains in Pomerania, it is hard to shape the civic self-awareness, interpersonal relationships, culture, views on the economy, landscape, and finally a regional movement.

Kashubian language and our culture still exists, although their existence is threatened. Unfortunately, any action that is there to serve its preservation and development is regulated by the central government ministry. In terms of preserving the national consciousness of Kashubians, nothing is being done. The same situation applies to regional consciousness of Kociewiak people, or even to the Pomerania as region. Our regional local authorities have virtually no competence in relation to the Kashubian language and culture, as well as in the introduction of regional education in schools. This must change. The need for new people who will be responsible for these and other areas of our lives is now.



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We do not need decision makers who do not know and do not understand the national consciousness of Kashubians and regional identity of other inhabitants of Pomerania. They are good at seeking media attention, and treat other people as illiterate and dependent on countrywide television stations. The media message in these is such that we cannot cope without central authority. Political party paws reach deep into the provincial governments, many counties and even local governments. However, this is all a lie, which carries serious consequences. It may destroy Kashubians and all those who treat Pomerania as their home for good. To oppose it, there will be a need to build such a movement, of which this document speaks.

Join us!

Who is in favour of a strong, self-governing Pomerania, whose representatives have the majority of taxes generated in the area at their disposal and who care for its comprehensive socio-economic development?

Who is opposed to such practices of socio-economic development, which serve to strengthen the Warsaw centre and diminish importance of our Pomeranian region?

Who is opposed the complete subordination of our farmers and fishermen to such a European policy, which does not take into consideration the regional specifics of agriculture and fisheries?

Who does not like that the European community is dominated by politics of individual countries and their financial gains and European regions, solidarity between people, cultures and languages of stateless nations are matters of secondary and even tertiary importance?

Join us! We invite all who wish that our region, country and Europe were for the people!

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