CQ Press Book Launch
‘Separatist Movements – A Global Reference’
The Current State of Self-Determination

18.00 – 19.00
Tuesday, 3 May 2011
Members’ Salon, European Parliament, 60 Rue Wiertz, Brussels

Brussels, 22 April 2011 – Author Brian Beary offers the first comprehensive overview of 59 major groups in this contribution to literature examining autonomy movements and de facto states, covering movements from five continents. Common for all groups is that “the principle of self-determination ... the right to decide how and by whom one is governed – is paramount”, for some group this right starts with “simply being recognized as a distinct people”. Interviews with MEPs from European autonomous regions are included in the book, which will be available to purchase at a special launch price during the event.

Following a book launch in Washington D.C. on 28 April, Pat the Cope Gallagher MEP now facilitates an event in Brussels on Tuesday 3 May 2011 in collaboration with the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO). Journalist and author Brian Beary, a contributor to CQ Press, Europolitics and PBS Publications, will be joined by Marino Busdachin (UNPO) in a discussion on the current state of self-determination, democracy and minority rights in the world. They will also comment on the diversity as well as the common challenges faced by autonomist movements both in and outside of the EU.

The launch will be timely given the recent Nigerian elections where the difficulties that pro-autonomy movements face were further highlighted after the threats and unfair treatment that ethnic Ogoni politicians were subjected to in the run-up to the 2011 elections. On the contrary however, the Danish promise to grant independence to Greenland the day that a majority of Greenlander asks for it shows that self-determination is by no means impossible to achieve in a peaceful and non-violent way.

The book launch will conclude with a drinks reception and the opportunity to meet the author, who alongside with UNPO representatives will be available for interviews.

More information on the event is available from http://unpo.org/article/12527

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