

Lithuanian Communist Party Declares Independence

The 20th Congress of the Lithuanian Communist Party declared it [sic] today an independent political organization with a programme and rules of its own. After a fiery debate that revealed the irreconcilability of views on the further development of the Lithuanian Communist Party thus delegates decided by a roll-call vote to change the party's status. The decision was carried by a majority of 855 out of the total 1,033 delegates...The Communist Party of Lithuania, the resolution states, is a component of the political system of Lithuania uniting on a voluntary basis citizens of the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic who support the aims of the Communist Party of Lithuania... An independent democratic Lithuanian state should be viewed as the principal objective of the Communist Party of Lithuania.

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