

**European Baptist Federation Council Meeting
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Resolution on the Withdrawal of Kazakh and Kyrgyz Baptist Unions from the EBF

The Council received the news of the withdrawal of the Baptist Unions of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan from membership of the EBF and the BWA with great sadness. Whilst the Council understands the deep concerns of these two Unions it does not accept that the reasons given for withdrawal are issues which should divide us from one another in the EBF. We affirm again our unity in Christ and in our Baptist identity as described in the BWA Congress Message of 2005.

Nevertheless the Council seeks forgiveness from our brothers and sisters in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan if any of our actions or lack of actions have contributed to this breach in our unity.

The Council strongly encourages the EBF Executive to continue to seek dialogue with these two Unions in the hope that, as their Unions and the EBF continue to grow and develop in the future, there may come a time when we can once more welcome our Kazakh and Kyrgyz Baptist brothers and sisters into the EBF family. The Council assures both unions that it will continue to pray for their leadership and their churches that they may experience Gods blessing on all their life and witness in his name.