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**National Human Rights Watch and Defense of Indigenous Peoples of Crimea**

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*Dear representatives of indigenous peoples, diplomats, academicians and guests!*

First, from the name of Crimean Tatar Resource Center, I want to thank more than twenty indigenous organizations that supported and signed yesterday our petition for defense the rights of indigenous peoples of Crimea – Crimean Tatars, Karaites and Krymchaks in conditions of interstate conflict for their historic native peninsula.

I want thank separately those indigenous of North, Siberia and Far East of Eurasia who supported their Crimean indigenous brothers – even as it is now extremely dangerous for themselves.

Than I want to point on importance on role of human rights watch for indigenous people being the hostages of illegal occupation and annexation on their native land.

As exactly the independent human right watch reports caused the Order of International Court of Justice dated 19th April 2017. This Order obligated the Russian Federation stop the ban of Crimean Tatar Indigenous Representative Bodies such as Mejlis. It must be done in compliance with UN Convention against Racial Discrimination, 1965.

And as Russia refused to execute this demand of International Court of Justice – we ask the world community to make Russia to execute this and other UN obligatory documents devoted to indigenous issues.

More, international human right watch reports, such as OHCHR, is an important tool for processes in other international courts defending the indigenous rights in Crimea.

Now the European Court on Human Rights started more than hundred proceedings connected with violations the human rights of indigenous representatives and of their institutions in Crimea. And we hope soon to have those decisions.

Alas the work of human right watch with indigenous peoples in Crimea is extremely hard. Only some lawyers being under permanent state pressure continue to held the judicial procedures for indigenous representatives there. More, even the Russian Ombudsman refused to recognize indigenous rights for Crimean Tatar People.

And we have serious concerns for real purposes of some Russian and Ukrainian human rights NGO working in Crimea. Their real goals are often in defending the interest of certain state or of their grand donors.

But neither victim interests, nor indigenous ones are not their real goal.

We call all international bodies, fair states, indigenous organizations and authority human rights institutions to pay sustainable attention on situation with rights of indigenous on Crimean peninsula also as on internally displaced Indigenous from Crimea.

Thank You for attention