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The additional information

presented by the President of the Research and Support of Indigenous Peoples of
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Research and Support of Indigenous Peoples of Crimea Foundation in connection
with the request of the representative of the Russian Federation

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During the morning session of the UN Committee on NGO at 15th of May 2007 distinguished representative of the Government of Russian Federation put forward his request about the necessity to make the clarifications on the information in accordance which with the **Research and Support of Indigenous Peoples of Crimea Foundation** is a member of illegal in Ukraine Crimean Tatar Parliament.

In order to clarify the situation as for the distinguished representative of the Government of Russian Federation as for the members of the Committee on NGOs and other participants of the session we present to your attention the next additional information:

1. There is **not in Ukraine** any organ, body, organization or entity which is named **Crimean Tatar Parliament**. Anyway if even some kind of that parliament would exist no one parliament may have the organization as its member so far as a membership in parliaments in physical sense may be only personal one;

2. Research and Support of Indigenous Peoples of Crimea Foundation since the founding and official registration in 1997 **was not member of any other organization, body or organ** and in present time **is not member of any other organization, body or organ**. This point doesn't exclude the possibility that in future the Foundation may become the member of some association or organization in accordance with Ukrainian and International Law and its Charter.

3. If the Foundation **would undertake any illegal activities** in accordance with Ukrainian Law on the Unions of the Citizens it **wouldn't be registered** by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine including the local branch. If the Foundation would **undertake any illegal activities after the registration** in accordance with Ukrainian Law on the Unions of the Citizens that **registration had to be cancelled** via court procedure by the initiative of the Prosecutor office and its local branch in Crimea. **But it was not.**

4. Research and Support of Indigenous Peoples of Crimea Foundation is Human Rights Advocacy and Educating organization so time by time its activities may become contradictive with the point of view of Ukrainian Government however it means **only political and moral differences in opinions and evaluations of the events concerning the Human Rights issues but never any kind of illegal behavior of the Foundation.**

5. The Charter of the Foundation has no restrictions for the members of the Foundation to be members of other organizations, organs or bodies in their personal capacity which is in complete compliance with the **Ukrainian and International Human Rights Law**. Ukrainian Law has a provision about the prohibition of the membership at the organizations or parties which officially were recognized as illegal ones. Despite the Foundation has no legal or moral obligations to observe the behavior of its members outside of those

1. ones which are undertaken at the frame of the Foundation's activities we state that **no one member of the Foundation was persecuted by the Ukrainian Law for the membership at any kind of illegal organization, organ or body.**

2. At the dossier of the Foundation there is a list of the projects realized by the Foundation jointly with different international organizations and Institutions officially recognized by Ukrainian Law such as UNO, Council of Europe, OSCE etc. Some projects were implemented on the basis of cooperation with the Ukrainian Government. For example the last year financial Statement has a reference to the money given by the Government in a total amount \$2100 for the arranging of the photo exhibition devoting to the Cultural Heritage of the Indigenous Peoples of Crimea. **It wouldn't be possible if Ukrainian Government would treat the Foundation as ay kind of the illegal entity.**

3. **Pro-Human Rights activism of the Foundation is accepted and included by the UN system for instance so far as:**

- at the current time the official representative of the Foundation takes part and has a floor for the statement on the agenda of 6th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues of ECOSOC having place at the neighboring conference room 2, what may be checked through observing of the list of the participants and list of speakers of the session;

- Foundation is officially authorized for the participation at the sessions of the Inter-Governmental Committee on the drafting of the International standards concerning the Traditional Knowledge, Expressions of Folklore and Genetic Resources of WIPO what may be checked via the web-site of WIPO;

- In June, 2004 Foundation undertook the Community led training "Human Rights for Indigenous Peoples" under official auspice of UN namely Indigenous and Minority Unit of Un Office of High Commissioner on Human Rights in Simferopol, Crimea, Ukraine where the representatives of the Administration of the President of Ukraine, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, State Committee on Nationalities and Migration took part as participants and lectors which wouldn't be possible if Foundation's activity would be regarded by the Ukrainian Government as something illegal;

- Parallel report of the Foundation was presented to the attention and officially taken into consideration by the session of the Committee on Elimination of the Racial Discrimination of August 2007 and concluding observations on Ukrainian Governments report partially were based on that one.

Presenting this information we hope that distinguished representative of Russian Federation as well as members of the Committee on NGOs and other participants of the session by this way have an opportunity to receive the answers to the points of their concern. We are open to any other questions and requests being useful for the consideration of our application.

With my regards President of the Foundation, Nadir Bekirov

