

Item 8

**7<sup>th</sup> Session of Expert Mechanism on the  
Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
Agenda item 8  
Proposals to be submitted to the Human Rights Council  
for its consideration and approval**

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**Mr. Chairman! Brothers and Sisters!**

15.06.2014 the Office of High Commissioner on Human Rights issued Report on the human rights situation in Ukraine in which presented a special part named "the Rights of Indigenous Peoples", which was followed by the Resolution of Human Rights Council of 26.06.2014. Both of them warned about necessity to prevent the discrimination of Indigenous Peoples in Crimea partially Crimean Tatars.

I suppose it is one of the reasons that Crimean Tatars have not become yet the target for mass violation and persecution despite we have very sad range of attacks against separate peoples and institutions.

I kindly ask the members of EMRIP to include to the proposals to the Human Rights Council the special point about necessity to continue to monitor the situation of Indigenous Peoples in Crimea having an aim to prevent acts of discrimination and violence against Indigenous Peoples in Crimea. Because there is not another affective possibilities of protection of Indigenous identity and Rights besides of that mechanism.

**Thank you for your attention.**