PETITION

on the occasion of the 10th Session of UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Geneva, Switzerland, July 11-14, 2017

To whom it may concern

We, the representatives of the Indigenous Peoples and Non-governmental Human Rights Organizations, taking part in the 10th Session of UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Geneva, Switzerland:

- express our highest concerns for the situation of Human Rights in Crimea;
- wish to draw, in particular, the attention to the Indigenous Peoples of Crimean Tatars, Karaites and Krymchaks and who are under the pressure of both sides of the powerbrokers;
- point that the Indigenous representative organization, such us Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People and Indigenous non-governmental organizations in Crimea are under particular pressure and need protection, respect and support

We therefore ask both the states, Russia and Ukraine to respect the self-determination of the Indigenous Peoples of the Crimea and uphold their freedom of speech and all ancestral rights

Signed on behalf of:

Indian Council of South America, CISA (Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC) (Transnational)

Shimin Gaikou Centre (Citizens' Diplomatic Centre for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) (Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC) (*Japan*)

Structural Analytics of Cultural Systems (Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC) (Transnational)

Association of Women of Indigenous Peoples of Chad, AFPAT (Chad)

Authorities Ancestrales Ixil (Guatemala)

Committee of Human Rights "Digna Ochoa" (Mexico)

Comuna San Jacinto del Pindo de Pastaza "Pinduk Runas" (Equador)

Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations (Canada)

Federation Kanaky ONGA (New Caledonia)

Ghotul Panchayat (India)

Griqua National Conference of South Africa (South Africa)

Helping Individuals at Risk, HIAR (Canada)

Indigenous Community Logo Chungola (Colombia)

Indigenous World Association (USA)

International Indian Treaty Council (USA)

Inuit Circumpolar Council, ICC (Transnational)

Kamani de Nation Indigena Qara-Qara (Bolivia)

Khmer Kampuchea-Krom Federation (Transnational)

Maloca International (Colombia)

National Aboriginal Initiative of the Canadian Human Rights Commission (Canada)

National Commission of Human Rights (Mexico)

Native Federation of the Madre de Dios River and Tributaries, FENAMAD (Peru)

TAMAYNUT (Morocco)

Te Kopu, Pacific Indigenous & Local Knowledge Centre of Distinction (New Zealand)

Wildlife Conservation & Social Development Organization Misgar, WCSDOM (Pakistan)

World Congress of Amazigh (Transnational)