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**Joint Statement
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Foundation for Research and Support of Indigenous Peoples of Crimea
And Crimean Tatar People's Front**

**Dear Mr. Chairman!
Brothers and Sisters, Ladies and Gentlemen!**

Since 2007 the United Nations as well as entire World community has passed a great way strengthening and promoting the Rights of Indigenous peoples.

Unfortunately there exists the pillar of shame, near which still 9 states take a place, who abstained at the voting for Declaration on September 13, 2007. The Ukraine is among them.

Our State rejects the Declaration by all means. In internal propaganda State officials declare that so far as Ukraine abstained the Declaration has not a force for it. Another argument is that UN declarations generally are not legally binding documents so Ukraine may ignore it.

Of course here at the session of PFII representatives of Ukrainian State wouldn't dare to declare those things. But they just do not attend the sessions of PFII during years. They are absent today as usually.

This obvious and public disregard by Ukraine of the basic international instrument on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and International Community position as a whole is a starting point for

systematic, brutal and gross violations of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of Crimea at the domestic policy of Ukraine beginning from land, educational, cultural heritage protection and preservation, labor rights, using of natural resources, legislation on the Indigenous Peoples etc. particularly about the rehabilitation and restoration of the Rights of Crimean Tatar People deported en-masse at 1944 and ending with the Right to Self-Determination. In order to oppress the struggle of Indigenous Peoples Ukraine uses all ways including police and military actions.

At the process of the preparation to the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples it looks as totally not normal and immoral still 9 member States of UN may ignore the firm and definite position of the United Nations and attempt to escape the complete recognition and implementation of the Declaration.

We regard that the very participation of any member state at that World Conference must be pre-connected with its officially emphasized recognition of the Declaration as a basis for its international and domestic policy in relation of Indigenous Peoples living in those countries.

We kindly ask the PFII to pay the attention to that fact and to use its plenipotentiaries in order to influence to member States, which abstained at the time of the voting of Declaration by UN GA to implement this adopted and approved on the highest international level legal document.

Thank you very much!