

## RESOLUTION 2024-08

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### Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People

The Delegates of the Member Organisations of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) adopted the following resolution at their Assembly of Delegates in Husum/Hüsem, Germany on 21 September 2024:

#### **On the protection of the indigenous peoples the Crimean Tatars and the autochthonous national minorities in Ukraine.**

We strongly condemn Russia's military aggression against Ukraine, as a result of which the indigenous peoples and national minorities of Ukraine are also suffering and demand an immediate withdrawal of the Russian troops from all occupied territories of Ukraine. We call on the EU and the international community to provide appropriate assistance to Ukraine and commend its efforts in reforming legislation in the field of the indigenous peoples and the national minorities.

#### **FUEN calls on Ukraine to**

- develop an inclusive post-war minority policy and to consider ethno-linguistic diversity as an asset of Ukrainian society and an integral part of the pan-Ukrainian identity.
- involve minorities in the process of constructive consultation through their organisations, minority experts in advisory councils to legislative and executive bodies at local, regional and national levels.
- finalise the legal status of the representative body of the indigenous Crimean Tatar people – the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatars.

#### **FUEN calls on the Russian Federation**

- in accordance with international humanitarian law and Russian domestic legislation, to release from detention representatives of the Crimean Tatar people who have diseases due to which they cannot stay in penitentiary institutions. We remind that keeping seriously ill people in detention is equivalent to torture.
- to release all political prisoners, civil hostages, including representatives of the indigenous peoples – the Crimean Tatars, who are in places of detention in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine and the territory of the Russian Federation.
- to ensure access to proper medical care for the citizens of Ukraine, in particular Crimean Tatars, who are in places of detention in the occupied territories and the territory of the Russian Federation

### **FUEN calls on the European Union institutions**

- to support measures to help preserve ethnic and linguistic diversity in Ukraine, especially in the process of Ukraine's accession to the EU and fulfilment of the Copenhagen criteria for admission.
- to allocate additional resources to help representatives of indigenous peoples and national minorities displaced by war to maintain their collective identity while under temporary protection in the EU.
- to condemn the torture and inhuman treatment committed by Russia against Crimean Tatars in the occupied territory of the Crimean peninsula.
- to initiate a special event aimed at ensuring the rights of indigenous peoples and national minorities of Ukraine in accordance with the international obligations undertaken by Ukraine: "EU enlargement and the rights of indigenous peoples and autochthonous national minorities."