

Resolution

Following the Meeting of the Friends of Crimea International Association

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We, the members of the Friends of Crimea International Association, cordially congratulate Crimean people on the 5 year anniversary of Crimea's reunification with Russia! We put an emphasis on the fact that the historical reunification of Crimea with the Russian Federation has outlined the new geopolitical agenda.

For the overwhelming majority of the Russian and Crimean people, the reunification of Crimea with the Russian Federation on the ground of democratic expression of will of the citizens in the compliance with the laws became an act of restoring historical justice that confirmed the civilizational unity of Crimea and Russia. At the same time, a coup in Ukraine initiated by the West and subsequent events around Crimea caused an open and violent military and political confrontation between Russia and the West. The US and its alliance partners has not recognised the right of Crimean people to self-determination and imposed sanctions against Russia and total blockade of Crimea.

The analysis of how the international situation around Crimea and the Crimean direction developed during the last five years allows for a number of conclusions.

1. The developments from five years ago have changed not only Crimea and Russia, but also global political processes. The economic and political sanctions imposed by western countries and their satellites against Russia did not bring down its economy but rather renewed confidence that the course toward protection of national interests and consistent assertion of the right to actual sovereignty is right.
2. The sanctions policy of the West and associated information blockade of Crimea aimed at disrupting Russian society and changing political power in Russia or disassemble the Russian state proved to be a failure. In spite of anti-Russia groups' efforts, the Crimea Peninsula is currently among the most dynamically developing regions of the Russian Federation; and the

Crimean authorities do much to promote legal interests of Crimean residents in the international community and international organizations.

3. There are recently a growing number of countries voting regularly against anti-Crimea and anti-Russia resolutions brought up by Washington and Kiev at the United Nations General Assembly. The 2014 Crimean status referendum with the Russian status of Crimea is gradually recognised by the global community, which is tired of the anti-Russia hysteria and does not consider confrontation and military tension as acceptable conditions of existence. Countries' leaders understand that not recognising the Russian status of Crimea is a deadlock causing conflict and crisis with an unpredictable outcome.
4. With regard to certain issues, countries and governments assume an acceptable attitude, actually prosecuting and punishing both their nationals and foreign citizens for the freedom of expression and social activism in support of legitimacy of the Crimea's choice in 2014 to reunite with Russia. Ukraine, despite the fact that it has lost its administrative mechanisms to control Crimea, continues humanitarian genocide of Crimean population by blocking fresh water supply, which seriously threatens the right of the peoples of Crimea to development.

Under the circumstances, the participants of the meeting of the Friends of Crimea International Association strongly believe that international relations need to be stabilised and escalation of the conflict around the legitimate decision of the Crimean residents that their Autonomous Republic should split from Ukraine and reunite with Russia need to be stopped; the participants have unambiguously spoken for employing modern international legal instruments to revoke illegitimate decisions of foreign countries and institutions, and resolved as follows.

1. To facilitate development of inter-country and cross-national dialogue in a wide variety of formats as a critical factor in international policy and public diplomacy. International platforms on all continents discussing issues of peaceful coexistence of countries and nations, including those around the Crimean direction of international policy, need to be united and expanded. The participants of the meeting support the initiative of an international conference of public diplomacy to discuss all Crimea-related issues with leading international law experts, as well as political, society and religious

figures involved; and they emphasize that the Friends of Crimea International Association is ready to play a special role.

2. The participants of the meeting of the Friends of Crimea International Association discussed and resolutely condemned the detention of Mateusz Piskorski (coordinator of foreign observers during the referendum in Crimea in March 2014) in Poland since 2016 and agreed to forward a Collective Application to the President of the Russian Federation with a request to support the movement for the release of Mateusz Piskorski
3. The participants of the meeting of the Friends of Crimea International Association welcomed the initiative of the Coordination Council of the Friends of Crimea International Association to initiate judicial procedures against foreign countries debarring the Crimean people the right to visit their relatives residing in those countries using the unlawful visa restrictions imposed for Crimea residents, and intend, using all accessible legal methods, including functional possibilities of international non-profit organizations, to strive for lifting those visa restrictions at court, including supreme courts of relevant countries, where necessary.
4. The participants of the meeting of the Friends of Crimea International Association support the initiative to develop unbiased international informational coverage of the current situation in Crimea and are ready, in particular, to facilitate creation and arrangement of a foreign documentary series for the western audience about the current development of the Republic of Crimea.
5. The participants of the meeting of the Friends of Crimea International Association believe that, after they return home, they will address to the parliaments and public organizations, civil society of their countries in order to bring the truth about Crimea and distribute the documents adopted at the meeting.