

# **Declaration on Establishment of the International Association “Friends of Crimea”**

**Adopted at the Conference  
“Crimea in Modern International Context. Friends of Crimea Forum”**

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We, the participants of the Conference “Crimea in Modern International Context. Friends of Crimea Forum” unanimously recognizing the necessity to contribute in maintaining peace, to halt confrontation in international affairs, to restore constructive cooperation between Russia and Western countries and to develop comprehensive cooperation with the Republic of Crimea, declare the establishment of The International Association “Friends of Crimea”.

Goals of the Association are:

- to restore mutual trust in the world, friendship and good neighborliness between countries and peoples;
- to develop by the means of public diplomacy cooperation between countries in political, economic, trade, scientific, cultural, educational, energetic, transport, ecological and other spheres;
- to support respecting political, economic, social and humanitarian rights of peoples;
- to stop an imposed upon the world information war that leads to fueling conflicts, growing threats and international crisis;
- to acknowledge the legitimacy of the all-Crimean referendum of 2014 and the rights of the Crimean people to determine its future;
- to withdraw the Crimean issue from international agenda, to prevent using it to impose confrontation between countries and peoples;
- to provide international community with objective information about life in Crimea and historical reasonability of the choice of the Crimeans made in March, 2014.

The Association “Friends of Crimea” is an informal public association aimed at developing dialogue, contacts and cooperation with international, regional and national organizations that share Association’s aims.

Association plans to continue its further activities within Yalta International Economic Forum on regular basis and thereby to promote multilateral cooperation of foreign partners with Russia and Crimea, advocating the complete lifting of anti-Russian sanctions that undermine international climate, and halting of economic and humanitarian blockade of the Crimean peninsula.