Crimean Tatars: 
A Missing Piece in Ukrainian Society?
Roundtable Discussion on the Restoration of Crimean Tatars’ Rights

09.00 – 11.30
Tuesday, 28 June 2011
Room ASP 8F388, European Parliament
60 Rue Wiertz, Brussels

Brussels, 17 June 2011 – Twenty years after the independence of Ukraine the "legacy" from the former Soviet Union is still a sensitive issue and its effects are still tangible. Almost seventy years after the massive deportation of Crimean Tatars, they are still waiting for their rights in the ancestral land to be restored.

In spite of the programme for the settlement and accommodation of deported Crimean Tatars and others who have returned to Ukraine as permanent residents, and despite Decision No. 637 of the Cabinet of Ministers of 11 May 2006 intended to address their adaptation and integration in Ukrainian society up to 2010, a climate of discrimination persists.

The crucial need for justice towards the Crimean Tatars claims will be the focus for the Roundtable Discussion on the Restoration of Crimean Tatars’ Rights. Hosted by Professor Leonidas Donskis MEP the event will be held in Room ASP 8F338 in the European Parliament in Brussels on 28 June 2011 at 09:00. Following the host’s opening remarks, the roundtable will bring academics, NGOs, and European authorities together in common discussion with contributions from Natalia Mirimanova (Crimea Policy Dialog), H.E. Ihor Dolhov (Embassy of Ukraine to Belgium), Evelina Schulz (Ukraine desk, EEAS).

Professor Leonidas Donskis MEP stated recently that ‘the Stalinist deportations have deprived many peoples from decent existence. Today, it is in our power to bring them dignity and solidarity back as well as to consolidate our political memory.’ Further to that belief, Marino Busdachin, UNPO General Secretary, remarked that the event will create a “solid background for the upcoming international forum on Crimean Tatars issues and will push us to reflect on the human rights situation in modern post-soviet states”.

More information on the event is available from http://www.unpo.org/article/12728

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