

**Appeal of the International Conference
“Crimea in Modern International Context. Friends of Crimea Forum”
to the Parliaments and peoples of the world**

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Having discussed modern trends of the development of international relations the participants of the International Conference “Crimea in Modern International Context. Friends of Crimea Forum” note that the World has entered a period of dangerous confrontation. We are convinced that further escalation of tension must be stopped.

It is symbolic that our Conference is taking place in Yalta, where at the end of the World War II the understanding of the need of agreed actions of the great powers on the international arena was born. We are convinced that even now it is possible to stop the confrontation and the slide into the abyss of global conflict.

In this regard we support the establishment of the International Association “Friends of Crimea” as the informal club of politicians, members of the Parliaments and public leaders from different countries.

We express our confidence that the Association will contribute to the solution of the tasks of reconstruction of positive cooperation and normalization of relations of Western countries with Russia and developing multiple ties between Crimea and its foreign partners.

We are convinced that the best way to restore security and cooperation in Europe is to start a new dialogue with Russia. Only in the process of negotiations and without sanctions, imposed beyond the frames of international law we will be able to hear and understand each other, to secure peaceful future for our planet.

We condemn unanimously the policy of barbaric blockade of the Republic of Crimea that violates humanitarian rights of population of the peninsula. Actions of policymakers must not jeopardize safety and health of the people. Thus, we insist on objective estimation of social and political situation on the peninsula. Only independent experts, who visit Crimea personally within monitoring missions of internationally recognized organizations can prepare such analytical reports. This must not be done by retranslation of slanderous fabrications of Kyiv nationalists.

We also consider that in contemporary civilized and democratic world foreign policy and diplomacy should have such a character, that excludes suppression of the will of the peoples, gives them possibility to live and develop freely according to their unique traditions, aspirations and way

of life. All these criteria were laid down into UN charter. On these principles the free choice of the Crimeans was made 3 years ago on legal basis during the referendum on independence and reunification with Russia.

We, the participants of the Conference, are planning to continue our further activities within the frameworks of Yalta International Economic Forum and thereby to support economic cooperation with Crimea, advocating the complete halting of economic and humanitarian blockade of the Crimean Peninsula.

Welcoming the creation of the International Association “Friends of Crimea”, we are sure that our Forum reflects a positive trend to consolidation of the world community in maintaining peace based on principles of equality, mutual respect and harmonious coexistence of nations.