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To UN OHCHR

Russian Aggression against Ukraine and Public Services in De-Occupied Crimea

Our Association of Reintegration of Crimea (ARC)¹, is non-governmental expert and human rights organisation², our expert researches are related with human rights and humanitarian issues, including civil, politic, indigenous, social, fundamental, informational, cultural rights, right to development, also as with issues of the transitional justice for Crimean peninsula, with relevant humanitarian, informational, economic, social and financial impacts.

So we send out brief comment regarding OHCHR's questions on challenges to promoting human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals through transparent, accountable and efficient public service delivery.

Since 2018 Ukrainian authorities adopted some strategic and program documents regarding processes of reintegration the Crimea after its de-occupation. The Plan of emergency measures to counter Russian aggression from the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine in Crimea, the protection of the interests of the state, citizens of Ukraine and Ukrainian legal entities in Crimea for 2018–2019³, the Plan of measures aimed at implementing some of the principles of state internal policy regarding the temporarily occupied territory of the AR Crimea and Sevastopol, 2018⁴, Strategy of information reintegration of the AR Crimea and Sevastopol. 2018, Strategy for Crimean Tatar language development for 2022–2032⁵, Strategy of deoccupation and reintegration of the temporarily occupied territory of Crimea and Sevastopol, 2021 also as plans for its implementation were adopted⁶.

Those documents regulate some issues of Ukraine's public service policy in the Crimea after its de-occupation. Law of Ukraine № 1618-IX, 2021 cancelled the Law of Ukraine "On the establishment of a free economic zone "Crimea" and on the peculiarities of economic activity in the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine" and on amendments to some legislative acts of Ukraine" № 1636-VII that was adopted in 2014. Ukraine amended its Criminal Code in March 2022 and established criminal responsibility for all persons who participated in Russian illegal "authorities and municipalities" in the Crimea.

On March 3-6, 2023 the I Session of Strategic Forum "Future of Crimea" initiated by the Crimean Tatar Resource Center was held⁷, in which more than twenty key experts of various structures on the subject of the peninsula, including ARC's representatives, took part⁸. Strategic Forum elaborated proposals for Ukrainian government to make relevant reserve of public service volunteers for next work in deoccupied Crimea.

¹ <https://arcrimea.org/en/about/>

² https://www.journal-officiel.gouv.fr/associations/detail-annonce/associations_b/20210005/1348

³ <https://arcrimea.org/en/analytics/2023/04/28/legal-programming-of-crimeas-deoccupation-and-reintegration-measurement-of-effectiveness/>

⁴ <https://arcrimea.org/en/analytics/2023/04/25/actual-dimension-of-program-acts-implementation-on-crimea-reintegration/>

⁵ <https://arcrimea.org/en/analytics/2023/05/28/financial-aspects-of-reintegration-crimean-strategies-budget-programs-and-international-projects/>

⁶ <https://journals.fpk.kyiv.ua/index.php/kyivlawjournal/article/view/17/15>

⁷ <https://arcrimea.org/en/activity/2023/03/06/results-of-strategic-forum-future-of-crimea/>

⁸ <https://arcrimea.org/en/activity/2023/05/04/ministry-of-reintegration-held-meeting-with-experts-from-future-of-crimea-forum/>

Relevant recommendations were sent by the organizing committee of the Forum to the authorized state bodies of Ukraine, and meeting was held with the Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine Iryna Vereshchuk, on May 3, but the above-pointed strategic and program documents regarding processes of reintegration the Crimea after its de-occupation may be soon amended on public service issues. Such situation was discussed upon ARC's initiative at World for Ukraine (W4UA) Summit that was held in Poland, in Rzeszow-Jasionka at September 28⁹.

So we ask UN OHCHR to include issues of transitional justice and reintegration in framework of promoting human rights and the Sustainable Development Goals through transparent, accountable and efficient public service delivery to thematic reports and other researches.

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⁹ <https://arcrimea.org/en/activity/2023/09/28/world-for-ukraine-summit-discussions-and-occupied-crimea/>