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Report « Violation of the rights of national minorities in Ukraine »

Доклад «Нарушение прав национальных меньшинств в Украине»

I am the president of the international platform "Global rights of Peaceful People" Serhii Markhel & I want to draw your attention to the violation of the rights of national minorities in Ukraine, who have to migrate and become stateless.

Pseudo-patriots constantly create new antipeople laws in the Verkhovna Rada, elected at gunpoint after the coup d'état in 2014. Due to the rampant Nazism, national minorities do not even have the opportunity to hold a conference on the violation of their rights in Ukraine in their places of compact residence. This is possible only abroad

without the intervention of right-wing radicals and official security forces, who immediately assign separatism and, at best, simply banish it. And they can assault people..

In August of this year, the national minorities of Ukraine gathered in Hungary at the festival of the European Left in the framework of the Forum "Violations of Rights and Freedoms in Ukraine".

Although in Hungary it is also problematic to speak honestly and directly about violations in Ukraine, because you have to go back home, and there is the Peacemaker website, the Right Sector, the C14 Group, the Azov National Corps, the National Brigade, Avtomaydan and other pseudo-patriots. But still, despite the real threat to life, activists decided to get together to speak out publicly and accept a number of statements for use in various international human rights organizations.

The forum was attended by Hungarians, Romanians, Poles, Subcarpathian Russins, Bulgarians, representatives of Finno-Ugric peoples, Russians, political emigrants from Odessa, journalists, scholars, writers who adopted the final resolution. The main complaints of all representatives of national minorities are caused by the Law on Education of Ukraine of September 5, 2017, which most violates the rights of national

minorities. Millions of Ukrainians will not be able to teach their children in their native language. The law introduces a de facto ban on receiving education in any language other than Ukrainian.

Based on the decisions of the Forum of National Minorities of Ukraine in Hungary, I turn to the UN recommendations.

Recommendations:

To prevent an endless stream of migration from Ukraine and increase the number of stateless persons.

We recommend the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights:

- to support our demand for the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to repeal Article No.
 of the Law of Ukraine on Education, as violating the constitutional rights of the national minorities of Ukraine to receive education in their native language.
 Revise all the articles of this law, taking into account the requirements of the Venice Commission.
- Considering that in all EU countries, the USA and Canada, the nationality is RUSYN, and in the original homeland of the Carpathian Rusyns in Ukraine they are denied this we recommend the UN as a Sinti and Roma to create a permanent group at the UN to resolve the issue of official recognition of nationality RUSYN in Ukraine. And the Ukrainian authorities immediately stop the practice of information blockade of Rusyn in the media and the practice of persecuting supporters of the Rusynian movement.