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Report « Rusyns of Ukraine, as potential stateless migrants »

Доклад « Русины Украины, как потенциальные мигранты безгражданства »

Dear Moderator, Mr. United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and panelists I, Mikhail Tyasko, Chairman of the Czech International Platform Committee Global Rights of Peaceful People and Vice-Chairman of the World Council of Subcarpathian Rusyns.

We are fighting for the rights of the indigenous people of Subcarpathian Rus in the region of Transcarpathia in Ukraine. Unfortunately, the existence of the nationality of the Rusyns has not yet been recognized by the Ukrainian authorities. We have received recognition in all EU countries, the USA and Canada. Moreover, it is not clear why the state Ukraine, aspiring to the EU and declaring its democratic commitment, is denying us this. In reality, nationalist ideology prevails in Ukraine and the official authorities profess Nazism with elements of fascism.

It so happened that after the persecution by the authorities of Ukraine, I and many of my other comrades, activists left the country. We temporary migrated to different countries of the European Union and to Russia. And they became mainly stateless.

A bit of prehistory. Subcarpathian Rus was from 1918 an equivalent fourth autonomy in Czechoslovakia along with the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Silesia. We were joined to Ukraine in 1946, and Stalin divided our autonomy between Slovakia, Poland, Romania, Hungary and Ukraine with a stroke of a pen. The Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet by its Decree on the 22.1.1946. eliminated the PR (or the so-called Zakarpatskaya Ukraine), recognized by the Saint-Germain and Trianon peace treaties, in violation of international law.

Ukrainians and the USSR banned even to think about their national identity. After the collapse of the USSR, we held a 1991 referendum, where the local population of 78% voted for the Rusyn autonomy within the state of Ukraine. But nothing has changed. Since then, until now, the persecution of the Russian leaders, activists already the state of Ukraine, began. This was expressed by dismissals from senior positions, from schools, from universities. Threats of special services began.

Rusyn's confiscated books and other historical documents on the Russian theme. Some Russian leaders were convicted of treason for their activities. We are not Ukrainians, we are a national minority of RUSYN !!!!!

The leadership of Ukraine is trying to solve the Russian question by repressive methods. Consciously distorting the situation. The political circles of Kiev represent the Russian movement unfounded, invented, illusory, with labeling "political russinism", "Russian separatism", with direct threats to the Ruthenian activists.

In the course of 27 years of independence, a policy of hidden genocide of the people and the planned destruction of its national habitat is pursued in the region:

1. the destructive logging of the Carpathian forests, the irrational use of mineral waters and rare minerals.
2. pollution of the territory with waste of the lead and zinc ore processing plant in the village of Muzhievo and toxic waste.
3. up to 500 thousand Rusyns are forced to seek sources of livelihood abroad; every year more than 5,000 emigrate and become stateless, which threatens the extinction of the indigenous population of the region.
4. according to the "Plan of measures developed by the government and concealed from the public ... on solving the problem of Rusyn-Ukrainians" dated 1996. there is a forced Ukrainization of the Rusyns, the language, traditions, and culture of the original people are systematically destroyed.

The right of self-determination was realized by the Rusyn people in the last century together with the Slovaks and Czechs. He confirmed his historic choice in 1991 at a referendum on a self-governing territory within Ukraine. His right could again be exercised in the framework of autonomy!

I pass to the recommendations

- 1. Indicate to the authorities of Ukraine about the inadmissibility of prosecution and violence Rusyn on the basis of language**
- 2. To fulfill the recommendations of the UN 2006.**
- 3. Officially recognize the Rusynian nationality in Ukraine;**
- 4. Enter the nationality "Rusyn" in the official list of the nationalities of Ukraine with the provision of a separate code;**
- 5. To stop the practice of information blockade of the rutting in the state media**
- 6. To stop the practice of secretly persecuting the supporters of the Rusynian movement, who work in state structures;**
- 7. To open the department of Rusyn language and literature at Uzhgorod State University;**
- 8. Create a Rusynology Research Center to study history, ethnology, literary studies, linguistics, and folklore of the Carpathian region**