

## **To: Members of the Coordinating Council of the World Congress of Crimean Tatars**

**Dear members of the Coordinating Council of the World Congress of Crimean Tatars,**

From May 19-22, 2009, the World Congress of Crimean Tatars was held in Simferopol, Ukraine. During the conference, delegates enthusiastically supported a proposal to nominate Mustafa Dzhemilev, well-known human rights activist, Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, and Deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (convocations III, IV, V and VI) for the Nobel Peace Prize.

As you know, the following people have the right to nominate candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize, as per the statutes of the Nobel Foundation:

- “1. Members of national assemblies and governments of states;
2. Members of international courts;
3. University rectors; professors of social sciences, history, philosophy, law and theology; directors of peace research institutes and foreign policy institutes;
4. Persons who have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize;
5. Board members of organizations who have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize;
6. Active and former members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee;
7. Former advisers appointed by the Norwegian Nobel Institute.”<sup>1</sup>

At this time, we are sending letters to a number of individuals who, as per the statutes of the Nobel Foundation, have the right to nominate candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize. These include:

1. Lech Walesa, Nobel Peace Prize laureate (Poland)
2. Valeriy Vozgrin, Professor of History (Saint-Petersburg, Russia)
3. Vaclav Havel, President of the Czech Republic (1993-2003)
4. Tahsin Gemil, Professor of History (Romania)
5. Vytautas Landsbergis, Professor, Member of European Parliament (Lithuania)
6. Borys Tarasyuk, Deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
7. Selim Hazbievich, Professor of Political Science (Poland)

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<sup>1</sup> [http://nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/peace/nomination/nominators.html](http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/nomination/nominators.html)

In addition, a number of trusted individuals in Germany, Lithuania, Romania, Turkey and the Czech Republic are establishing contacts with members of parliament and members of government in these countries as well as with other individuals who have the right to nominate candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize. We have prepared a curriculum vitae of Mustafa Dzhemilev in English for these contacts, which we are also sending to you.

In initiating the process of awarding of the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize to Mustafa Dzhemilev – well-known human rights activist, prisoner of Soviet labor camps and currently the Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, Deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (III, IV, V and VI convocations) and recipient of the Nansen Refugee Award (1998) - we aim to draw public attention in various countries, as well as the attention of politicians and statesmen in various nations, to the effectiveness of the principle of nonviolence. The principle of nonviolence, which formed the basis of the Crimean Tatar people's long struggle to restore their rights, is an effective way of achieving justice and equality between peoples and nations in today's world.

We ask all of you, respectful members of the Coordinating Council of the World Congress of Crimean Tatars, to also assist in the effort to nominate Mustafa Dzhemilev for the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize.

From our point of view, given the short amount of time we have left before the deadline for nominations (February 1, 2011), it would be pragmatic to use your contacts among members of parliament, members of government and university professors in the areas of political science, law, history, philosophy and theology.

We ask that you inform us of the results of your efforts every two to three days.

We are also enclosing the address for the Norwegian Nobel Committee, where nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize can be sent:

The Nobel Peace Prize / Norwegian Nobel Committee  
Henrik Ibsens gate 51  
0255 OSLO  
Norge/ Norwegen

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy New Year!

We wish you and your family, friends and associates health, prosperity, and the successful realization of your plans and programs.

Sincerely,

**President**  
**World congress of Crimean Tatars**

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