

**To: Members of Parliament of the
Federal Republic of Germany**

**Members of Government of the
Federal Republic of Germany**

**Academic community of the
Federal Republic of Germany**

Dear Sirs and Madams,

We, the representatives of the Crimean Tatar public, are writing to you in order to initiate the nomination, for the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize, of Mustafa Dzhemilev: well-known human rights defender, Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, and Deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine since 1998 (III, IV, V, VI convocations).

Our appeal to you, members of parliament, members of the government and members of the academic community of the Federal Republic of Germany, is tied to our recognition of your high level of adherence to the principles of democracy, human rights, and the rights of nations in German society. This respect for human rights and democracy is, unquestionably, an inspiration for the entire world.

National-democratic movements and human rights organizations, which promoted respect for the rights of nations as well as human rights, made unique contributions to the democratization of socio-political processes. In this regard, they also helped to prevent the eruption of open conflict during the collapse of the USSR.

Despite severe repression and persecution on the part of the communist regime, the Crimean Tatar national movement has always maintained a commitment to democratic values and the principle of nonviolence. Consequently, the national movement, which was the largest in the USSR, gained a noteworthy reputation throughout the world and achieved the repatriation of the vast majority of the Crimean Tatar people back to their homeland – Crimea.

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 respectfully appeal to you, members of parliament, members of the government and representatives of the scientific community of Germany, to exercise your right, as per the statutes of the Nobel Foundation, to nominate and support the nomination of Mustafa Dzhemilev for the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize.

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,

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