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Letter dated 30 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to enclose herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the arrest of the Deputy Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, Ahtem Chiygoz (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the arrest of the Deputy Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, Ahtem Chiygoz

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We are indignant in Ukraine at the arrest in Crimea of one of the leaders of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People, Ahtem Chiygoz, on the ground of an absurd accusation in respect of the organization of and participation in the public disorder that took place on 26 February 2014 in Simferopol, Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

This shameful example is the continuation of the criminal policy of the Russian Federation in the occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea aimed at the discrediting of everything Ukrainian and intimidation of the activists of the Crimean Tatar people who resist such a policy.

We would like to underscore separately that the search of the Crimean Tatar television channel "ATR" in Simferopol on 26 January 2015 and the confiscation of the archives with the materials on the events on 26 February 2014 preceded the arrest of Ahtem Chiygoz. The only "guilt" of the television channel is that it covered the mentioned event.

We demand from the Russian occupation authorities that they immediately release Ahtem Chiygoz, stop the persecution of Crimean Tatars and take measures to stop the systematic violations of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

We urge the international community to condemn the acts of persecution and terror against the Crimean Tatar population of Crimea.

We are sure that the repressions of the occupation authorities will not break the spirit of the Crimean Tatar people who survived the deportation organized by the Stalinist regime.
