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Appeal to the United Nations:

Russia puts 55 indigenous organizations on the list of extremist and terrorist organizations

**STATEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF RUSSIA...
REGARDING THE ADDITION OF 55 ASSOCIATIONS TO THE LIST OF EXTREMIST ORGANIZATIONS**

Excellencies,

We are reaching out to you regarding an egregious act committed by the government of the Russian Federation: at [one stroke](#), it has put 55 organizations that defend the rights of the country's indigenous peoples on its list of extremist and terrorist organizations.

Under the law of the country this means that representatives of the indigenous peoples of Russia, or anyone else participating, cooperating, or simply communicating with these organizations, risks being sentenced to years of imprisonment.

Leaders of the indigenous peoples have been subjected to increasingly severe repression by the authorities. Faced with threats to them and their loved ones, many have been forced to leave the country. Activists have had criminal cases fabricated against them by the Russian authorities and are serving prison sentences. The widespread Soviet practice of weaponizing psychiatry against detainees has been revived, and is being used against a prominent shaman of the indigenous peoples, Alexander Gabyshev. Earlier this year the titular keeper of the sacred lake Imlor, Sergey Kechimov, died while under investigation. He had been working to protect the lake from damage by oil company operations.

The blanket criminalization of such a large number of indigenous peoples' organizations, including many long-standing and highly respected bodies, is a blatant violation of international law. The picture that has emerged is one of a Russian government that violates the rights of indigenous peoples and then brands organizations and individuals who resist against these violations as extremists.

We are concerned that this act is a prelude to further repression against those leaders and activists who live and work in Russia.

We appeal to you to turn your attention to this case, take all needed measures to protect those whose rights are being violated, and prevent new forms of repression against the indigenous peoples of Russia.

We ask that the situation of the indigenous peoples of the Russian Federation, whose rights are being grossly violated by the government, be taken under special scrutiny.

Sign the letter:

Signatories:

1. International Committee of Indigenous Peoples of Russia
2. Indigenous Russia
3. International Indigenous Fund for Development and Solidarity "Batani"
4. Arctic Consult
5. Society for Threatened Peoples, Germany
6. Independent Sakha Movement
7. Free Yakutia Foundation
8. Indigenous of Russia Foundation
9. Fridays For Future
10. anti-war ethnic movement "New Tuva"
11. Sholbaana Kuular, Tuvan decolonial activist
12. Viktoria Chăltăr, independent activist
13. Free Nogaistan
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17. Buryad Independence Committee
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23. Nicola Bassetto
24. IMPACT KENYA
25. Pan African IP and LC Alliance
26. PINGOs Forum
27. Indigenous Taiwan Self-Determination Alliance
28. Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN)
29. Australia Indigenous Peoples Organisation
30. Megan Dicker
31. Organización Waorani de Pastaza
32. Association TUNFA

33. Juian Cho Society and Maya Leaders Alliance
34. International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)
35. Dr. Handaine Mohamed President IPACC
36. IWBAN
37. Malach Consulting
38. Tebtebba foundation
39. Olivia Doyle, Researcher
40. Porgera Red Wara (River) Women's Association Incorporated (PRWWA INC.), Porgera District, Enga Province of Papua New Guinea
41. World Forum of Fisher Peoples' (WFFP)
42. Fundacion Ruth Zenaida Buendia Metsoquiari
43. National Indigenous Women's Federation
44. Nature and Sustainability Initiative
45. Sargylana Cherepanova, Artist, game designer
46. Colectivo de Trabajo Jenzera
47. Lana Pylaeva, komi activist
48. Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)
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50. Indigenous Peoples of Africa Co-ordinating Committee (IPACC)
51. Society for Threatened Peoples, Switzerland
52. Porgera Red Wara (River) Women's Association Incorporated (PRWWA INC.) from Papua New Guinea
53. Continental Network of Indigenous Women of Américas-ECMIA
54. Porgera Alliance, Papua New Guinea
55. Indigenous Peoples Rights International (IPRI)
56. Fourth World Association, Sweden
57. London Mining Network (LMN)
58. Pueblo Originario de Sarayaku
59. Inclusive Development International
60. Institute for Ecology and Action Anthropology (INFOE)
61. University of Jyväskylä
62. Indigenous Peoples Global Forum for Sustainable Development (IPGFForSD, Global Indigenous Forum)
63. Grupo Intercultural Almaciga
64. Sociedad civil, Paraguay
65. Association pour l'Integration et Developpement Durable au Burundi
66. Julian Cho Society, Maya Leaders Alliance, Toledo Alcaldes Association
67. North Eurasia Solidarity Alliance
68. Ingush Independence Committee
69. APALAC COALITION
70. OFALV: Organisation des Femmes Autochtones pour la Lutte contre la Violence
71. KATRIBU Kalipunan ng Katutubong Mamamayan ng Pilipinas
72. Project on Organizing, Development, Education, and Research (PODER)
73. Nyungar Nation
74. Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance
75. Misak
76. Anti-Discrimination Centre Memorial
77. Kermen Ubushieva, kalmyk activist
78. Urgenci International Community Supported Agriculture Network
79. FIAN International
80. Acal-AZUL
81. Perhimpunan Pembela Masyarakat Adat Nusantara (PPMAN)
82. Dewan Adat Papua
83. Lawyers' Association for Human Rights of Nepalese Indigenous Peoples (LAHURNIP)
84. Naga Peoples Movement for Human Rights (NPMHR)
85. United Confederation of Taíno People

86. Asia Indigenous Peoples Network on Extractive Industries and Energy (AIPNEE)
87. Centro Juventude Covalima (Covalima Youth Centre)
88. Pastoralist Indigenous NGOs Forum
89. Caribbean Amerindian Development Organization (CADO)
90. Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (ICITP)
91. National Indigenous Women Forum (NIWF)
92. Radyo Sagada
93. Community Empowerment and Social Justice Network (CEMSOJ)
94. CONTINENTAL NETWORK OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN OF THE AMERICAS-ECMIA.
95. Asia Indigenous Women's Network
96. iINDIGENOUS
97. SEMILLA WARUNKWA
98. Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities (NEFIN)
99. Water Justice and Gender
100. European Coordination Via Campesina (ECVC)
101. Toekomstboeren (La Via Campesina Netherlands)
102. International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHR)
103. Landworkers' Alliance
104. Eco Ruralis – the Association of Peasants in Romania
105. Transnational Institute (TNI)
106. International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA)
107. Amnesty International
108. Native American Rights Fund
109. Pacific Asia Resource Center (PARC)
110. PA "Bir Duino Kyrgyzstan"
111. Human Rights Center of Azerbaijan
112. The National Congress of American Indians
113. International Indigenous Peoples Movement for Self-Determination and Liberation (IPMSDL)
114. Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples (REP)
115. Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia (JOAS)
116. Indigenous Climate Action
117. European Network on Indigenous Peoples (ENIP)
118. Voices of Nation held captive by moscow
119. Ekaterina Morland
120. Radio Sakharov
121. Comunidad indígena mapuche