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Although, they were rehabilitated in 1967, no one in the FSU or in the world heard about that decree

As the founders of IC CRIMEA, our first goal is to help the Crimean Tatars to go back to their rightfully deserved homeland in Crimea, and help them to gain the citizenship rights from the Ukrainian government so that they can work, register, build homes, go to schools, and participate in political and civic life in their homeland. Considering the new language laws in Ukraine which prohibits minorities to speak in their native languages at the work places, and many other social problems such as work permits, building permits etc. We have a lot of mountains to cross ahead of us.

Plans:

After that we are planning to write petitions, and send them to various organizations, and government officials in support of the recognition of mejlis, and Crimean Tatar repatriation, and Ukrainian citizenship for the returning Tatars to the Crimean peninsula.

One of the most important ones is the Rebirth of Crimea Foundation led by Lutfi Osman. Upon establishing contact with him and his organization, we will keep our ears open and listen what they have to say, and we will act and prepare our next move according to the most needed action that was related to us by them, the real Crimean citizens who live in Crimea.

Then, possibly with the help of Red Cross or Caritas [(Urszula can help us with this, this is a very reliable Catholic charity that my organization (Eastern and Central Europe Program, at the new School for Social Research) used to work with in early 90's, after the revolution towards democracy in Eastern Europe], we can send these computers to different NGO's in Crimea.

Furthermore, if we can make the right contacts and get enough financial support, we can send some of our officers to several seminars, conferences, exhibitions, and such. If we get support from our colleagues who are in academia, we can present papers and such in conferences such as AAASS, ASN, AATSEEL etc. to raise consciousness about the social and political issues in Crimea.

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