

Subject: Re: A proposal**Date: Mon, 21 Sep 1998 23:10:37 -0400****From: "Mubeyyin B Altan" <BATU@prodigy.net>****To: <inci@ibm.net>**

Dear Inci,

I appreciate your concern over ICC's future, and I mean this sincerely. We should either take it seriously or just be happy with T-L and go on with our lives.

ICC, as I see it, should be a strong Crimean Tatar lobbying group which should strictly deal with issues related to Crimea and the Crimean Tatars. It was formed to give Crimean Tatars and friends of Crimean Tatars a platform to raise our voices as loud as possible without being accused of "spending too much time on Crimea or Crimean Tatars". As being one of the very few, if not the only nationality of the former Soviet Union still without a homeland, the plight of the Crimean Tatars must become as well known as "Holocaust" throughout the world. Also, we as CT lobbyists, should organize our efforts to get the Crimean Tatar Mejlis recognized as the sole legal representative of the Crimean Tatar people. Without that recognition the CT Mejlis will remain powerless and the plight of the Crimean Tatar people will linger on for ages. Internet gives us this opportunity, and we as the educated Crimean Tatars and our friends should organize ourselves around this idea. As you well know, we do not have any legal authority to represent the Crimean Tatar people anywhere; the CT Mejlis has not recognized us as such a group. Therefore, we will remain as lobbyist which is perfectly OK with me.

How should we organize ourselves, remains the question. Our good friend Haluk Savas had written an extensive charter, similar to his "Dostlar" group. Why don't we look at that first and contact him if we have any questions.

I had briefly talked to Fevzi last night about it, but I don't know whether I was able to make my point clear or not, because I was fast asleep when Fevzi called me. I tried to talk to him but I don't remember what I exactly said to him. Anyway, let us think about these few items and see what will develop. The Crimean Tatar issue should not be treated as a "second class" issue. The Crimean Tatars do not need charity, they need dedicated people who are willing to consider this as their top priority.

I am extremely busy with my work on my dissertation which is slowed down considerably due to my own illness and now my mother's recent "myocardial infarction". I will do as much as I can!

All the best,

Mubeyyin

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Subject: ICC: A proposal

>Dear Folks:

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>S.O.S! Sink Or Swim! Surely we won't let the ICC sink, so we have to
>do something to revitalize it. Here is a proposal:

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>Let's form an Interim Executive Committee or Task Force, whatever you
>want to call it, charged with the responsibility of drafting a mission
>statement and guidelines for the ICC. This group could coordinate the
>activities, say for a year or less, and in the meanwhile decide whether
>the ICC should have an executive committee and how the officers should
>be elected, etc. A condition for membership would be, for example, to
>fill out the membership survey form, which Fevzi manages. As Fevzi
>asked, what should we do with those who don't complete the membership
>form?

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>The mission statement/guidelines should answer these questions:

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>What is ICC or who are we? What are our resources? What can we do
>realistically (as opposed to what we should be doing in the abstract)?

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>After we draft a statement of purpose, etc., we can submit it to the
>ICC membership and get feedback from them.

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>I further propose that the Interim Committee or Task Force be consist
>of the following positions and candidates:

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> Chair or Co-Chair: Mubeyyin Altan

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> Vice-Chair or Co-Chair: (open)

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> Executive Secretary: Inci Bowman

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> Co-Director for Communications (E-mail): Yanki Pursun

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> Co-Director for Communications (Web Site): Fevzi Alimoglu

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>Mubeyyin, we have not heard from you recently, but I hope you are
>willing to guide this group thru the process of writing the much
>needed statement of purpose. Your long experience in CT affairs is
>clearly needed! I am willing to draft some guidelines, if you are
>too busy.

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>I called Sinan Utku and left a message on his recorder. He may be
>a good candidate to help us write some guidelines. Another possibility
>is Haluk Savas. Any other suggestions?

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>You see, I have been thinking about the ICC and want to see it
>function with a clear purpose and not drift in the cyberspace
>aimlessly!

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>Inci Hatun

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