



Another priority group - young people

The Russian Federation destroys religious monuments of Crimean Tatars. More than 90 Crimean Tatar burial monuments were ruined

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Freedom of speech is practically destroyed: Russia forced the independent media out of the peninsula and persecutes human rights defenders, journalists, and activists.

We appreciate the efforts made by UNESCO Secretariat and in particular, by Madam Director-General aimed to end this lamentable situation by monitoring the situation in the peninsula.

Having regard of the consecutive decision "Follow-up of the the last session of the Executive Board, we are looking forward to comprehensive monitoring of UNESCO in the upcoming year.

Madame Director General,

We commend your efforts and your activities during the most congratulate you on having been re-elected for the second term.

Dear Colleagues,

Finally, let me mention the crucial role of National Commissions for UNESCO in implementing noble goals of our Organization and important and integral support and actively engage them to ensure the effectiveness and credibility of our Organization.

As a National Commission of Ukraine for UNESCO over a year ago, we launched a comprehensive reform process to enhance our contribution to the mission of UNESCO. We are going to promote new dimensions: gender equality and digitalization.

This year, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of UNESCO

We continue to encourage diplomatic missions accredited in Ukraine to follow this example and to create their national symbolic tree alleys in this multicultural garden.

Now we call for other National Commissions to join this initiative in their countries. Preserving ecosystems and natural heritage should be in the spotlight of our Organization.

I wish to conclude my speech by saying that, if elected to the Executive Board, Ukraine will be determined to safeguard all the UNESCO values, all the priorities I have just mentioned,