

addition, the continuing discrimination faced by this community has led to the radicalization of part of its membership. Thus the continued maintenance of ethnic “peace” in Crimea will largely depend on the treatment of the Crimean Tatar community, and internal dynamics within this community.

#### **Summary of recommendations:**

1. Canadian governmental and non-governmental organizations should devote more attention to Crimea when projects involving Ukraine are being planned or implemented. Special efforts should be made to ensure that such projects address the needs of all communities in Crimea, including the Crimean Tatars.
2. Representatives of Canada’s Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade should stress, when interacting with senior government officials in Ukraine and Uzbekistan (as well as other states in which Crimean Tatars currently reside), that Canada strongly supports the rapid naturalization of the Crimean Tatar population currently residing in Ukraine, and condemns all artificial barriers which impede this naturalization process.
3. Canadian governmental and non-governmental organizations should strongly support the emergence in Crimea of financial structures, such as credit unions, which encourage local economic development and foster self-reliance.
4. Canadian governmental and non-governmental organizations should support initiatives aimed at developing the potential of “non-traditional” tourism in the Crimean peninsula. Support for small-scale projects encouraging “heritage” tourism, eco-tourism, and the emergence of family-run “bed-and-breakfast” operations is of particular importance.
5. Canadian governmental and non-governmental organizations should support cultural development and cultural preservation projects in Crimea, especially in the case of formerly deported groups, such as the Crimean Tatars, which have demonstrated a strong attachment to their cultural heritage and are trying to revive it, after several decades of persecution, in very difficult circumstances.
6. Canadian governmental and non-governmental organizations should support projects aimed at promoting inter-ethnic dialogue and inter-cultural understanding in Crimea, and combatting the vicious ethnocultural stereotypes that are widespread in this region.
7. Canadian governmental and non-governmental organizations should support projects aimed at ending Crimea’s relative isolation and increasing its contacts with the outside world.