

RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNREPRESENTED  
NATIONS AND PEOPLES ORGANIZATION

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*RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION  
OF THE CIRCASSIAN NATION*

The General Assembly,

HAVING HEARD the report of the International Circassian Association  
representative on the state of the Circassian nation that

The Circassians have been partly exterminated during the Russian-  
Circassian war and 90 percent of those remaining have been forcefully  
deported abroad to Turkey, Jordan and Syria;

The nation faced genocide for a long period;

The Circassian people living abroad have difficulty preserving their  
language, culture and identity;

THEREFORE,

CALLS UPON the Russian Federation and the international community to  
acknowledge the genocide of the Circassian nation that took place in the 19th  
century and to grant the Circassian people status of an exile nation.

CALLS UPON the Russian Federation to grant the Circassian people dual  
citizenship, both that of Russia and of their respective countries.

CALLS UPON the Russian Federation to ensure the Circassian people of the  
possibility to return to their historical land.