

Resolution of the International Public Conference “Towards the United Nations Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas”

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1. The Conference took into consideration findings of international organizations, statements of international bodies monitoring international human rights on systematic violations of rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas, and presentations of the Conference participants. The Conference confirms that both in the world and Ukraine the rights of peasants, as a specific form of common human rights, need to be specified, protected, and favourable condition for their realization have to be created.
2. The Conference participants expressed their support to the international movement for the rights of peasants. Among the results of Conference is the preparation of the draft Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas and the involvement of a wide range of farmers, agricultural workers and other groups of people engaged in agricultural production, public organizations, researchers, and governments around the world to the process. Execution of the Conference demonstrates that organized civil society in Ukraine is getting involved in the movement for the rights of peasants and to the support of draft Declaration.
3. The Conference approves provisions laid in the draft Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas.
4. The Conference appeals to the President of Ukraine, the Government of Ukraine, and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to promote the dissemination of UN Declaration ideas in Ukrainian society and to provide the draft Declaration with comprehensive support from Ukraine at international level, particularly in UN Council on Human Rights and it's further processing up to adopting the Declaration at the session of UN General Assembly.
5. The Conference appeals to the Governments of the member states of the UN Council on Human Rights to support at a Council meeting the draft Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas.
6. The Conference recommends the Government of Ukraine to take measures for debarment of rights' violation and their realization in terms of access to land resources, overcoming direct and shadow land-grabbing, creating conditions for family farming, full implementation of the right to work and social protection for self-employed rural population, realizing the right of rural people for tidy income and means of subsistence through their involvement in state farm support programs, as well as other rights highlighted in the draft UN Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas.