# E-Statement for the United Nations Journal Submitted by the World Union of Cossack Atamans

Title: Historical Justice and Cultural Heritage: The Revival of the Cossack People in the World of Inclusion Where Noone Is Left Behind

# Distinguished colleagues,

The World Union of Cossack Atamans express their gratitude to the state and the people of Qatar for their hospitality and exceptional organisation of this high level event.

The Cossacks are not merely an ethnic group, but a unique historical and cultural phenomenon that played a vital role in shaping Russian statehood, defending its borders, and developing its regions. Their legacy is deeply intertwined with the history of Eurasia.

Following the 1917 revolution, the Cossack people suffered severe persecution and were subjected to what can only be described as genocide. This led to their dispersion across the former Soviet Union and beyond, resulting in the loss of unity and recognition.

#### **Our Mission**

The World Union of Cossack Atamans is committed to the reunification of the Cossack people, the restoration of their historical rights, cultural identity, and social role—similar to the recognition and restitution granted to the Jewish people after the defeat of Nazi Germany.

We strive to ensure that the Cossack people reclaim their rightful place in public life, preserve their traditions, and gain recognition at the international level.

## **Challenges and Needs**

Cossack diasporas face numerous challenges, including the loss of traditions, legal status, and access to ancestral lands. There is an urgent need for mechanisms that support cultural minorities, foster international cooperation, and promote inclusive policies that reconnect generations and regions.

### **Our Proposals**

- Establish an international platform for dialogue between traditional communities and governmental institutions.
- Integrate Cossack organizations into programs for social inclusion, cultural exchange, and sustainable development.
- Recognize the Cossacks as a people with a distinct social and cultural identity, entitled to preservation and growth.

### Conclusion

The revival of the Cossack people is not only a matter of historical justice—it is a contribution to the diversity, resilience, and richness of global civil society.

We are open to cooperation, dialogue, and joint action with international partners.

Thank you for your attention. We wish happiness and health to all peoples. May God bless you! *Inshallah!* - So be it!