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Dear *Publisher* (or *Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/*),

The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine has learned about that some research articles and other scientific contributions originated from research institutions of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine located in the Crimean Peninsula (Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine) have been either published in international scientific journals, or accepted for publication there, with inappropriate country attribution. Several examples of such publications are provided in the Addendum 1.

Without any prejudice to scientific value of these publications, as well as other contributions by scientists based in the Crimean Peninsula, it seems important to draw your attention to an inappropriate attribution of the author's institutions. The official position of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine has been announced by the President and Full Member of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Prof. Borys Y. Paton (see link at the government site:

<http://www.nas.gov.ua/UA/Messages/news1/Pages/View.aspx?MessageID=2067>).

The City of Sevastopol and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea are internationally recognized as territories of Ukraine temporarily occupied and unlawfully annexed by the Russian Federation listed in Addendum 2. The act of unlawful annexation of Crimea committed by the Russian Federation has been condemned by the UN General Assembly and other international bodies. Furthermore, under current EU sanctions, as well as the Executive Order by the President of the USA [see Addendum 3], commercial transactions with institutions based on the Crimean Peninsula have been prohibited or restricted until the cessation of the unlawful occupation of the Crimea by the Russian Federation.

Many loyal Ukrainian researchers from the Crimea and other Ukrainian regions affected by the current Russian aggression and Russia-backed separatism have been forced to leave their homes and institutions during 2014–2015 and moved to Kyiv and other cities of Ukraine. Others have been forced to declare their formal loyalty to occupants, so they hide or denounce their ties with and real loyalty to Ukraine for saving their jobs and securing their property and personal safety.

By accepting the articles from Crimean scientists with the inappropriate affiliations (attributing to the "Republic of Crimea" and the City of Sevastopol to the Russian Federation or Russia) publishers and editors of international scientific journals and other media actually

endorse and support the act of aggression, armed robbery and intellectual property infringement committed by state actors of the Russian Federation.

We would highly appreciate if you could rectify the situation and correctly attribute the publications produced by scientists based in Sevastopol, Simferopol, Kerch, Yalta, Nikita, Feodosia (Theodosia), Nauchny, Simeiz, Yevpatoria (Eupatoria), Saki and other cities and towns of the Crimean region as produced in **Ukraine**, but not Russia. Among the Crimean institutions of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine are the Main Astronomical Observatory, Crimean Laser Observatory, Marine Institute of Hydrophysics, Black Sea Biosphere Reserve, Karadag Nature Reserve, O.O. Kovalevsky Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas, and others.

We insist on appropriate attributions of Crimean research institutions to Ukraine in any publications and any other scientific works, especially in international journals. In those cases when items with inappropriate country affiliation have been already published due to negligence or for some other reason, we request most expedient publication of corrigenda or editorial notes, explaining the temporary occupied status of the Crimean Peninsula. In those cases when Crimean authors, being afraid of repressions, provide for communication reasons their current addresses as located in Russia or the Russian Federation, the editorial disclaimer has to be made indicating the real status of the Crimea as a constituent and integral part of Ukraine, with a proper reference to relevant international documents adopted by the UN and/or other bodies. An example of such a disclaimer is presented in Addendum 4.

We believe that international research and editorial community shall stand together against overt military aggression, follow high standards and good conduct rules for research and publication, and will remain committed to peace, order, and international law.

Hoping for your understanding and support,

Sincerely,

Your name, degree, address and affiliation

Ваш електронний підпис (розписатися ручкою на папері і сфотографувати)

ADDENDUM 1

Examples of papers with incorrect affiliations

Kravtsova A., Milchakova N., Frontasyeva M. Levels, spatial variation and compartmentalization of trace elements in brown algae *Cystoseira* from marine protected areas of Crimea (Black Sea). *Marine Pollution Bulletin*. doi:10.1016/j.marpolbul.2015.02.040

Polonsky, A. Comments on A Global Analysis of Sverdrup Balance Using

Absolute Geostrophic Velocities from Argo? by Alison R.Gray and Stephen C.Riser (Journal of Physical Oceanography, 2014, v.44, pp.1213-1229). doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1175/JPO-D-14-0127.1>

Kubryakov A.A., Stanichny S.V. Seasonal and interannual variability of the Black Sea eddies and its dependence on characteristics of the large-scale circulation. Deep Sea Research Part I: Oceanographic Research Papers. Volume 97, March 2015, Pages 80–91. doi:10.1016/j.dsr.2014.12.002

ADDENDUM 2

International documents adopted by the UN and/or other bodies regarding the Crimea

The City of Sevastopol and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea are internationally recognized as territories of Ukraine temporarily occupied and unlawfully annexed by the Russian Federation according to these documents:

<http://www.un.org/press/en/2014/ga11493.doc.htm>

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=MOTION&reference=P8-RC-2016-0173&language=EN>

ADDENDUM 3

Executive Order by the President of the USA about sanctions

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/12/19/executive-order-blocking-property-certain-persons-and-prohibiting-certain-persons>

ADDENDUM 4

Disclaimer example

“The author(s) from the Crimea of article appearing in this Journal is/are solely responsible for the proper indication of his/her/their actual postal address and affiliation. However, the Journal states that the address and affiliations indicated in the article is/are not proper. The Journal express its respect of international law and states that the Institution is located in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea that is the part of Ukraine temporarily occupied by the Russian Federation in February 2014”.