

Russian Politician Wants TripAdvisor Investigated for Calling Crimea Ukrainian

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State Duma Deputy Oleg Mikheyev has sent an official request to the Prosecutor General's Office, asking that they investigate TripAdvisor after the travel company defined Crimea on a map as a subject of Ukraine, rather than Russia, the state-run TASS news agency reported Friday.

Mikheyev, a representative of the A Just Russia party, said that this constitutes “inappropriate behavior” by the company on Russian territory, TASS reported. TripAdvisor conducts business in Russia through their website tripadvisor.ru

“I believe that the participation of commercial organizations in political activity, especially that which opposes the interests of Russia, is inappropriate behavior on Russian territory,” the lawmaker said.

Mikheyev said in the document that the matter had been brought to his attention by online tourism outlet tourprom.ru.

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