# UKRAINE TODAY: RUSSIA AND THE CRIMEA

On March 18, 2014 Russia and the Crimea signed the contract on republic acceptance in structure of the Russian Federation.



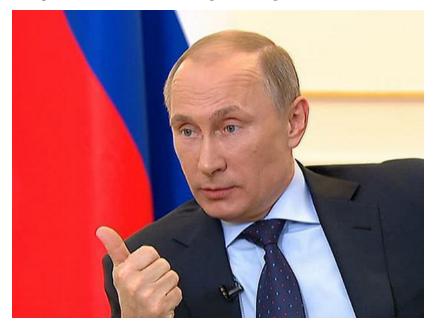
### Referendum

Following the results of the referendum which has taken place on March 16 in the Crimea, 96,77% of the inhabitants who have taken in it part voted for entry of an autonomy into structure of Russia.



### Agreement signing

- Putin signed the decree about recognition of the Crimea by the independent state.
- From the peninsula the prime minister Sergey Aksenov, the speaker of Rada Vladimir Konstantinov and the mayor of Sevastopol participated in signing Aleksei Chalyi.



At the end of signing instead of handshake of policy crossed hands in characteristic gesture "one for all and all for one".



### New structure

From now on Russia includes 85 subjects. The Crimea became the 22nd republic as a part of Russia, and
Sevastopol – the third city of federal value.



## "We together"

Yesterday on Red Square in Moscow meeting concert "We together", devoted to entry of the Crimea into structure of Russia took place. According to police, more than 120 thousand people took part in it. To gathered from a scene the president Vladimir Putin addressed also.

