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The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg presents its compliments to the Embassies of the member countries of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and has the honor to forward herewith the final version of the political declaration ministers are called upon to adopt formally at their meeting at Palais Egmont in Brussels on 19 January. The enclosed text has been adopted by consensus on 15 November.

The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs would be grateful if this text could be forwarded as soon as possible to the cabinet of the ministers who have in their portfolio the competences for the IHRA.

The IHRA Chair has given this text a title that in his opinion could well highlight the importance and essence of our political message. Minister Jean Asselborn hopes that this title will give satisfaction to all his colleagues.

The Minister will come forward in the coming weeks with some ideas and proposals on the more detailed sequencing of the ministerial session.

Finally, Minister Asselborn would like to make once more an appeal that member countries make all possible efforts to be represented at an appropriate political level in order to signal to the outside world their willingness to counter the distasteful phenomena in our countries and societies in relation to antisemitism, antigypsyism, other forms of discrimination, hate speech, and cyberhate.

The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassies of the member countries of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) the assurances of its highest consideration.

Luxembourg, 28 November 2019



To the Embassies of the
Member countries of the International
Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)



2020 IHRA MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

LUXEMBOURG CHAIRMANSHIP

As we mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of German Nazi concentration and extermination camps and other sites of persecution and murder, we, the High Governmental Representatives of the Member Countries of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust (Shoah) which engulfed the Jewish people. We honor, too, the victims and survivors of the genocide of the Roma and others who were persecuted. We promise to never forget those who resisted the Nazis and those who protected or rescued their persecuted fellow human beings.

Today, the world still faces genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity and continued threats to pluralistic, democratic and inclusive societies.

As we witness with sadness the passing of the survivor generation, we, the IHRA Member Countries:

1. **Reaffirm** our unwavering support for the Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum (2000), the founding document of the IHRA.
2. **Pledge** to the victims and survivors that they shall never be forgotten and that their legacy will be kept alive.
3. **Emphasize** that remembering the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust is the responsibility not only of governments but of societies as a whole.
4. **Remember** the genocide of the Roma. We acknowledge with concern that the neglect of this genocide has contributed to the prejudice and discrimination that many Roma communities still experience today.
5. **Honor** all those who resisted the Nazis, especially the Righteous among the Nations, and others who protected or sought to rescue those who were in danger. Their selfless courage should inspire us all to defend the dignity of every human being.
6. **Express** our deepest concerns about rising antisemitism.

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7. **Accept** our responsibility as governments to continue working together to counter Holocaust denial and distortion, antisemitism, and all forms of racism and discrimination that undermine fundamental democratic principles. We will work closely with experts, civil society and our international partners to further these goals.
 8. **Lead** efforts to promote education, remembrance and research on the Holocaust and the genocide of the Roma to counter the influence of historical distortion, hate speech and incitement to violence and hatred.
 9. **Safeguard** the historical record of the Holocaust, the genocide of the Roma, and the persecution of other victims by Nazi Germany and those fascist and extreme nationalist partners and other collaborators who participated in these crimes.
 10. **Underline** the importance of identifying, preserving, and making available archival material, testimonies and authentic sites for educational purposes, commemoration and research.
 11. **Encourage** all countries and societies to address their respective pasts by dealing openly and accurately with the historical record.
 12. **Commend** efforts by governments and civil society to commemorate the Holocaust and share good practices.
 13. **Recognize** that understanding the unprecedented nature of the Holocaust is essential to the prevention of genocide and mass atrocity crimes. IHRA expertise is relevant to historically informed policymaking and addressing contemporary challenges.
 14. **Determined** to remember those who suffered and to strive for a better future, we call upon the international community to share our vision:

*A world that remembers the Holocaust
A world without genocide*

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GOVERNMENTS AND EXPERTS TO STRENGTHEN, ADVANCE, AND PROMOTE
HOLOCAUST EDUCATION, REMEMBRANCE, AND RESEARCH WORLDWIDE.**