

International Committee of Exiles and Refugees that were Victims of Fascism and Nazism in 1920-1945

Declaration concerning harmful attempts at changing history and greater care for victims of Nazism and Fascism in Europe and a protest against formation of new Fascist and Nazi organizations

This protest is adopted by all participants of International Conference on Care for Exiles and Forced Labourers that were Victims of Fascism and Nazism in 1920-1945, which was held on 4th June 2010 in the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana.

We call the attention of the European member states, their governments and the public of the world to the fact that the victims of Fascism and Nazism in central and eastern Europe are not being taken care of satisfactorily while there are simultaneously recurrences of new Fascist and Nazi organizations.

The war time antifascist program saw a fundamental declaration in favour of fighting **AGAINST** Fascism and Nazism as the most important, but it also incorporated the struggle **FOR** democracy and new order of Europe, which would be based on inalienable individual and common rights of people and rejection of the hypothesis of the existence of superior and inferior people.

We are of the opinion

that Antifascism, as supra-party value orientation, which opposes the revival of Fascist ideas, historic rehabilitation of Fascism and aggression in international relationships, still represents an important part of the organization

of Europe. We are concerned that the defeated side of the Second World War is now trying to win the war of memories in retrospect with their rehabilitation of once already defeated political ideas and organizations.

We are therefore convinced

that we bear the responsibility for explaining true facts of history and for their modern day introduction to younger generations. We are obligated to criticize particularly political and ideological abuse of history. We do this in the name of the memory of suffering victims and as a reminder that should prevent something similar from repeating yet again, and as a protest against European states tolerating extremists that defend the very same goals with which Fascism and Nazism inflamed the Second World War. Revisionism of history insults memory of those that have fallen and were murdered between 1938 and 1945 and is an insult to all free-thinking people.

Although words alone do not bear the power to heal the wounds – and the wounds of those exiled still haven't been healed – we nevertheless call upon governments of European states and the world population in the spirit of tolerance and reconciliation to acknowledge the messages of recent history. They should therefore:

- Do more for dignity and survival of elderly victims of Fascism and Nazism.
- Act against new organizations that are attempting to revive Fascism and Nazism.
- Not allow manipulation of history for the interest of short-term political or ideological goals.

We protest

against creation of memorial centre in Berlin that is planned by Sudeten Germans in cooperation with the Union of Istrians and Kočevje Germans. The centre is supposed to be the place for portraying false data on violence of Slavic nations against them.

At the same time, they do not plan to simultaneously show the violence that was carried out by Fascist and Nazi systems on Jews and Slavic nations during Second World War.

We call upon

all states to take care of historic records concerning exile and forced labour of Slavic and other nations during Second World War.

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Russian Association of Former Underage
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Association of exiles and descendants from the
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Ukrainian Union of Prisoners - Victims of Nazism



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