

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

Ljubljana, 4 June 2010

Dear Mr
BAN KI-MOON
Secretary-General
Of the United Nations

We, the participants at the International Conference on Care for Exiles and Forced Labourers that were Victims of Fascism and Nazism in some European countries, express our deepest respect. At the same time, we have the great honour to inform You, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, about the international activities and endeavours of organizations and societies that unite victims of Fascism and Nazism of the Second World War.

We wish to use this opportunity to inform You that the representatives of organizations and societies that unite exiles, forced labourers, refugees and other civilian victims of Fascism and Nazism have gathered on 6th June 2009 at the first European congress. The congress was held in Ljubljana and was attended by more than 4000 participants.

The goal of the congress was the preservation of active historical memory of the genocidal politics of Fascists and Nazis, not only towards Jews but also towards Slavic and other nations of Europe.

At the congress, we also warned of the repeated occurrence of Fascist and Nazi organizations, forging of history and belittlement of the forces that won in the Second World War.

All the presidents of European countries were sent a letter from the congress in which they are called upon to pay more attention to the victims of Fascism and Nazism as well as to care and help for them, which is needed

because suffering they endured in exile, camps and forced labour. The response of the states surpassed our most optimistic predictions, because we received numerous responses of state authorities, among others also from Great Britain, Ireland, Switzerland, Spain, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Monaco, Malta, Luxembourg, Croatia, Italy, Germany and a telephone message of the president of Russia, which was transmitted through the embassy of Russia in Slovenia.

The congress adopted resolutions on foundation of the first coordinative international committee of its kind in Europe for the civilian victims of Fascism and Nazism.

Thus, on 4th June 2010 in Ljubljana, we again gathered at the International Conference on Care for Exiles and Refugees that were Victims of Fascism and Nazism in some European states.

We sent a letter to the President of the Council of Europe, Herman Van Rompuy, and introduced him to our problems.

Dear Mr. Secretary-General of the United Nations, we are sending this letter to you from our conference, because the resolutions of the UN, which were adopted after the Second World War, are still not being realized.

The resolution was that the successors of the aggressor states of the Second World War would have to settle the war damages and that the war damages would be repaid to the rightful claimants. After more than 65 years from the end of Second World War this still is not realized for the victims of Fascism and Nazism in Central and Eastern Europe. Division of war violence victims to Eastern and Western states was a major injustice for the victims themselves. Many victims of Fascism and Nazism still live in great poverty and suffer major shortages.

We expect the UN organization to also place on the agendas of its many bodies the question of care for victims of Fascism and Nazism and the question of settling the war damages as a priority. We also expect the UN to invest efforts towards prevention of new Fascist and Nazi organization formation.

Dear Secretary-General, please allow us to inform You that we are currently in the process of founding the European Museum of Victims of Fascism and Nazism in years 1920-1945 and are collecting the material for it.

The international conference, from where this letter was sent, was attended by the representatives of societies and organizations of Austria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Serbia, Ukraine and Slovenia.

We, the participants of the International Conference, would like to use this opportunity to extend our deepest respect to the Secretary-General of the UN again.

The undersigned:

Signatories:

Society of Slovene Exiles 1941-1945

Association of Slovene Deportees Klagenfur

The Circle of Citizens of the Czech Republic
That was exiled from the frontier zone in 1938

Local Community of the Victims
of Fascism and Nazism in Zagreb

Association of Poles deprived
by the Third Reich

Russian Association of Former Underage
Prisoners in the Fascist Concentration Camps

Slovak Association of Anti-Fascist Fighters

Association of exiles and descendants from the
Genocidal camp of NDH 1941-1945, Serbia

Ukrainian Union of Prisoners - Victims of Nazism

