

Declaration on the International Holocaust Remembrance Day
Working Group « Babyn Yar – Memory for the Future »
European Parliament

The International Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27th, is the occasion for us to reflect on our common obligation as European citizens and nations regarding the tragic destiny of those who were murdered out of racist motives and appalling absence of tolerance.

On this day, we are reminded of the murder of six million Jews. We must emphasize that these were European citizens, citizens of a continent which is still confronted with this dark past and dangerous phenomenon.

The year 2021 marks the 80th anniversary of the Babyn Yar crime and the height of the mass murder of 1.5 million Jews killed by bullets by the Nazis.

Babyn Yar is a symbol of this tragic crime but also a symbol of the former Soviet Union's leadership against humanity, who tried to erase the memory of these people.

We, members of the Working Group “Babyn Yar – Memory for the Future”, call on our colleagues Members of the European Parliament and Members of National Parliaments to commemorate this occasion and to bring to the public the memory of those people killed and to stop tendencies of today that want to erase the memory and thereby risk that history might repeat itself.

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