



**Delegation of Ukraine
to the OSCE**

Statement
on the occasion of International Day of Commemoration in Memory
of the Victims of the Holocaust on 27 January

As for delivery by Ambassador Ihor Prokopchuk
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On the occasion of International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust on 27 January I would like to draw your attention to the statement of the President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovich:

«On 27 January 69 years pass from the time when the troops of the First Ukrainian Front liberated the prisoners of the concentration camp "Auschwitz-Birkenau" near the Polish town Oswiecim.

The terrible truth about this and other "factories of death" struck the world and demonstrated the results of realization of Nazis ideology based on racial hatred and contempt to the person.

As embodiment of anti-Semitism and xenophobia Holocaust became a symbol of suffering of the Jewish people. Just in Ukraine hundreds of thousands of Jewish people died from Nazis hand.

Honoring their memory we remember the heroism of Ukrainian citizens who saved Jews from extermination at Babiy Yar and other places of mass executions at the risk of their lives.

The modern world is rich in diversity of nations, cultures and religions, but even now it often lacks mutual respect and tolerance. So we have to defend the principles of peaceful coexistence, to strengthen harmony and tolerance in society with all the responsibility before the future generations».

Thank you!