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and Understanding - Follow-up to the Cordoba Conference on Anti-Semitism and
Other Forms of Intolerance
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**Your Excellencies
Distinguished participants**

I would like to draw your attention on the issue of suffering of Roma during the Holocaust.

It is very important to stress that Roma should be given full acknowledgment as victims of the Holocaust and that this information should be disseminated to public at large through education curricula, history books and awareness raising public campaigns.

It is very important that participating States increase their efforts in collecting data about this issue, from historical and administration archives, as well as from the few Roma survivors of the Holocaust.

States which had lost Roma population during the Holocaust should establish a national day for commemoration of these victims, and should conduct regular campaigns to combat prejudices against Roma, to punish political hatred and anti-Roma discourses and implemented actions aiming to promote respect for diversity, tolerance and mutual understanding.

We call upon OSCE participating States to do efforts in realizing history books on the experience of Roma during the Second World War and to support erection of a Roma Holocaust Memorial monument in Berlin.

Thank you for your attention.

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