

Right of Reply, ESTONIA, HDIM 2019

WS 14: (specifically selected topic) Hate Crime

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Thank you, Madam Moderator,

Estonia would like to exercise the right of reply and respond shortly to the misleading remarks presented by the Fund for Legal Support and Protection of Compatriot's Rights Abroad and the Russian Delegation.

Estonian government has repeatedly condemned the crimes and ideology of all totalitarian regimes in the strongest possible terms. Estonia rejects and deplors any glorification of ideologies, war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated by such regimes and is working together with international community to raise awareness of these atrocities.

In addition, let me remind you that the verdict at the Nuremberg trials declared that the SS, including the Waffen-SS, was a criminal organisation, but the definition did not extend to those individuals who were forcibly conscripted into the Waffen-SS. According to the decision of the Nuremberg tribunals, this category includes individuals in the occupied territory of the Republic of Estonia, who were conscripted by the occupation authorities in a way that is against international law.

Thank you.