



United States Mission to the OSCE

Response to the Address by the Chair of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

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Lord Pickles, the United States appreciates the United Kingdom's strong leadership of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance over the past year. IHRA is an invaluable organization for promoting Holocaust education, remembrance, and research, and for combating Holocaust denial and distortion. The United States is proud to be a founding member.

It has been 80 years since the end of World War II and the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camps in Europe. On International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we pay tribute to the six million Jews murdered by the Nazi regime, as well as to the millions of others also targeted for persecution simply because of who they were.

We must listen to their testimonies, remember their names and their stories. By focusing on accurate historical education and truthful commemorations, we can teach future generations about our past and the horrors to which antisemitism can lead, preventing future horrors.

This is more important now than ever. Antisemitism – which includes Holocaust denial and distortion – is not merely a remnant of a dark past. It is a real and present danger; following the October 7, 2023 Hamas terrorist attack, antisemitic incidents grew around the world, including physical attacks, vandalism, arson, online threats, and more.

The United States supports the Global Guidelines for Countering Antisemitism, which now has 43 international endorsements, as a framework that provides concrete public policy guidance for countering antisemitism worldwide.

We call on all participating States to embrace the Global Guidelines and apply IHRA's non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism.

As we do annually on the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, let us honor the spirit of those who were lost and those who survived. Let us also recommit to taking action against the worldwide scourge of antisemitism, using the history of the Holocaust and its lessons to help us confront contemporary challenges.

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