

H.E. Aleksandar Vučić
Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia
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Dear Prime Minister Vučić,

As Members of the European Alliance for Holocaust Survivors, a coalition of members of the European Parliament dedicated to the needs of Holocaust survivors, we write to urge your government to pass pending legislation for the restitution of heirless Jewish property.

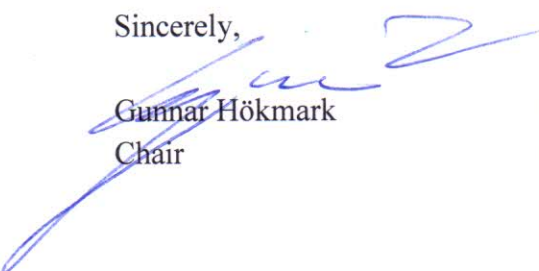
This legislation would provide urgently needed assistance to Serbian Holocaust survivors currently living in Serbia and abroad to help them live out their remaining years in dignity. The heirless property law would also provide crucial support to sustain and revitalize Jewish life in Serbia and ensure that a resurgent Serbian Jewish community continues to serve as an integral part of Serbia's diverse society.


We applaud Serbia's commitment to provide restitution for heirless property expropriated by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust. Serbia, along with forty-six other countries, endorsed the 2009 Terezin Declaration on Holocaust Era Assets and Related Issues, which calls for the restitution and compensation of heirless property.

Passage of the heirless property law would affirm Serbia's continued commitment to the principles of the Terezin Declaration, and to property rights and the rule of law. It would also establish Serbia as a model for other countries in Europe who have not yet provided restitution for heirless property.

We appreciate the significant steps Serbia has taken in recent years to restitute private and communal property. We ask for your continued leadership to ensure that Serbia will enact this heirless property legislation.

Sincerely,


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