

The President

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Mr Gunnar Hökmark, MEP Chair of the EAHS Altiero Spinelli 07F155

Dear Mr Hökmark,

The European Parliament has always been a fierce defender of democracy and respect for the rights and dignity of all human beings, regardless of their ethnic or social origin, religion or beliefs.

As President of this Institution, I am very much committed to raising awareness about the Holocaust and the atrocities perpetrated against the Jewish people in Europe. I personally acknowledge the importance of the restitution of and compensation for immovable property, Jewish art heritage and other cultural assets pillaged during the Holocaust and its aftermath.

I therefore fully endorse implementation of the European Parliament resolutions on the Return of Plundered Property to Jewish Communities and the Restitution of the Possessions of Holocaust Victims.

May I assure you of my political commitment to work towards solutions for all Holocaust-related issues. You may count upon my political support when it comes to discussing matters such as the restitution of goods, social welfare support for Holocaust survivors, the preservation of Jewish cemeteries, supporting educational projects aimed at raising awareness and the remembrance of the tragic events which unfolded in the first part of the twentieth century, at both European and international level.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Schulz