

Memorandum of Understanding

between

**the Austrian Federal Ministry
for Education, Arts and Culture**

and

**the International School for Holocaust Studies
at Yad Vashem**

Preamble

Recalling the ten years of successful cooperation between the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem (Yad Vashem) and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture (Ministry) and its association erinnern.at;

Recalling that Austria and the State of Israel are member states of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research and committed to the Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust in which they pledged, in part, to strengthen efforts to promote education and remembrance of the Holocaust and encourage the study of the Holocaust in schools and universities, communities and other institutions as well as encourage Holocaust commemoration;

In consideration of the achievements of the Ministry and erinnern.at in creating a sophisticated multi-tiered base of support for Holocaust educators in Austria;

Emphasizing the important work of erinnern.at in advocating for Holocaust awareness and creating and supporting Holocaust memorial events;

Underlining the importance of the numerous German-language Holocaust education materials that Yad Vashem and the Ministry and erinnern.at have produced;

Bearing in mind the approximately four hundred Austrian educators who have participated in Yad Vashem seminars and benefited from the program;

Recognizing the numerous accomplishments of Austrian seminar graduates in Holocaust education and the many graduates who have received funding from the ICHEIC Program for Holocaust Education in Europe administered by the Yad Vashem;

Recognizing the professional contributions of Yad Vashem experts to various seminars organized by the Ministry and erinnern.at for educators throughout Austria;

Convinced of the link between preservation of memory and the shaping of a better future;

Aware of the potential positive outcome that may result from continued association, consultation and cooperation;

Objectives

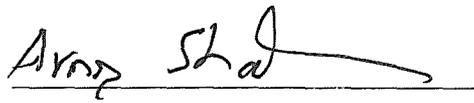
Yad Vashem and the Ministry have reached a mutual understanding on the following points:

- I. Yad Vashem and the Ministry will continue the successful cooperation to organize seminars designed for Austrian educators at Yad Vashem.
- II. Yad Vashem and the Ministry plan to hold a ceremony to mark the occasion of the ten years of successful cooperation between them and to acknowledge their bonds
- III. Yad Vashem and the Ministry will exchange lecturers who will speak in relation to Holocaust education. Speaking opportunities may include events seminars and international conferences.
- IV. Yad Vashem will facilitate the enrollment free of charge of five Austrian educators in its pedagogical online course in German (see http://www1.yadvashem.org/yv/en/education/languages/german/courses/syllabus_pedagogical.asp#4)

Signed at Yad Vashem on 16 March 2010



Claudia Schmied
Austrian Federal Minister
for Education, Arts and Culture



Avner Shalev
Chairman of the Directorate
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