

Reaffirmation of Cooperation

Between

The Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (hereinafter "the Ministry")

And

Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center (hereinafter "Yad Vashem")
Hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Sides"

Recalling the eighteen years of successful cooperation between Yad Vashem, the Ministry and its association erinnern.at;

Bearing in mind the annual seminars held at Yad Vashem since the year 2000 for 650 Austrian educators who have benefitted from the programs;

Considering the achievements of the Ministry and erinnern.at in creating a nationwide support system for teaching and learning about the Holocaust;

Emphasizing that both the Republic of Austria and the State of Israel are member states of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, where they actively and jointly contribute to promoting, researching and commemorating the Holocaust;

Recognizing the importance of inspiring young people to fight indifference, racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and injustice, and to challenge increasing support for extremist parties and movements with a problematic or indifferent relationship to the National Socialist past, so that future generations can understand the causes and implications of the Holocaust;

Underlining that a decisive step in this direction is to openly confront the consequences of Europe's and Austria's history, to acknowledge the ominous relevance of ultra-nationalism, social and ethnic oppression and ostracism in contemporary Europe, and to recognize the Holocaust as a distinctive and paradigmatic genocide of the modern era;


hereby reaffirm their commitment to continue their long-term partnership and fruitful cooperation in the spirit and on the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Jerusalem on November 1, 2015.

This Reaffirmation of Cooperation does not create any rights and obligations under international or national law.

Signed in Jerusalem on 10 June, 2018, in duplicate in English.



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