



## SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

### RESOLUTION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU GERMAN NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,  
*commemorating* the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp, the largest extermination centre of its kind operating in the Nazi-occupied Republic of Poland from 1940 to 1945;

*commemorating* the 60th anniversary of the signing of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

*commemorating* the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Stockholm Declaration, the founding document of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance;

*recalling* and *unconditionally approving* of the provisions of Resolution No XIV-542 of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania of 23 September 2021 on the Remembrance of the 80th Anniversary of the Holocaust in Lithuania and Resolution No XIV-2177 of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania of 26 September 2023 on Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Liquidation of the Vilna Ghetto;

*noting* that the Holocaust was a major tragedy for Europe and the world and that unlearned lessons from World War II form the basis for the incitement to modern criminal anti-Semitism and the undermining of the foundations of democracy;

*paying tribute* to the victims of the Nazi genocide, in which millions of innocent people of various nationalities were killed worldwide and almost the entire Jewish community was exterminated in Lithuania;

*emphasising* the importance of the definition of anti-Semitism provided by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on 24 January 2018;

*hearing* the ongoing propaganda narratives and disinformation emanating from the Russian Federation, Belarus, and other hostile third countries in an attempt to rewrite history and deny

access to historically documented sources of former criminal totalitarian regimes in order to provoke division within the international community and erode mutual trust among citizens;

*drawing attention* to the EU Strategy on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life adopted in 2021 in the light of the current alarming trends of growing antisemitism in Europe and beyond;

*emphasising* that one of the foundational elements of the Lithuanian state is the historically coherent understanding of the values of the nations that built Lithuania and their history as an integral part of our state's historical narrative;

*continuing* the policy of national concord, enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, and of the fight against all forms of incitement to discord;

**condemns** all forms of totalitarianism and its crimes;

**pays tribute** to the victims of the Auschwitz-Birkenau German Nazi Concentration Camp and their memory;

**stresses** the need to constantly remind the public that lack of civic awareness, indifference and discriminatory attitudes created the conditions for the Holocaust to happen and that failure to learn the lessons of the past tragedy leads to the spread of modern anti-Semitism;

**condemns** any collaboration with the Nazi and Communist ideological regimes during World War II;

**takes pride** in those who, risking their lives, rescued Jews and became paragons of determination and self-sacrifice, serving as an inspiration for future generations;

**reaffirms** the aim to ensure, at the European Union level, rigorous assessment and condemnation of the crimes of totalitarian regimes against the peoples of the world;

**supports** further research into and awareness of the crimes committed by totalitarian regimes and the implementation of appropriate educational programmes;

**calls on** Lithuanian and global societies to remain vigilant against antisemitism, racism, xenophobia, and the spread of other forms of hatred that threaten peace, democracy, and the upholding of human values;

**notes** the importance of combating antisemitism, xenophobia, and any form of incitement to hatred at national and international levels and **condemns** manifestations of antisemitism in Europe and the world, as well as statements by politicians that display racist and anti-Semitic tendencies;

**proposes** to amend the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Memorial Days and proclaim the 23 of September as the National Memorial Day for the Holocaust of Lithuanian Jews and Their Resistance against the Nazis, as well as mark the 27 of January as International Holocaust

Remembrance Day in Lithuania to commemorate those who resisted the Nazi regime and rescued its victims, thus fighting for human lives and freedom;

**backs** the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania to develop a national plan of measures against antisemitism, xenophobia, or any other form of incitement to discord and to continue the policy of fostering Jewish life in Lithuania, including keeping alive the memory of the Holocaust alive, supporting the management of old Jewish cemeteries and massacre sites in Lithuania, promoting educational activities at these sites, fostering the rich Jewish architectural heritage, supporting the formation of Judaica collections, their return to Lithuania, and the research into the Judaica academic heritage, and strengthening the ties between the Lithuanian and Litvak diasporas worldwide.

Speaker of the Seimas

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