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On the remembrance of the Holocaust

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Declaration on the remembrance of the Holocaust

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust,
- whereas the Holocaust fundamentally challenged the foundations of civilisation and must be forever seared in our collective memory,
- whereas humanity is still scarred by genocide, ethnic cleansing, racism, anti-semitism and xenophobia,
- whereas the international community shares a solemn responsibility to fight against those evils,
- whereas we must strengthen the moral commitment of our peoples, and the political commitment of our governments, to ensure that future generations can understand the causes of the Holocaust and reflect upon its consequences,

1. Calls on the Council and the Commission to strengthen the efforts to promote education, remembrance and research about the Holocaust, both in those countries that have already done much and those that choose to join this effort,

2. Calls on the Council and the Commission to encourage the study of the Holocaust in all its dimensions,

3. Calls on the Council and the Commission to encourage appropriate forms of Holocaust remembrance, including an annual European Day of Holocaust Remembrance,

4. Calls on the Council and the Commission to take all the necessary steps to facilitate the opening of archives in order to ensure that all documents bearing on the Holocaust are available to researchers,

5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.