Statement by
the High Representative Catherine Ashton
on the Holocaust Remembrance Day

"Today, sixty-five years after the liberation of the Nazi concentration and extermination camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau I honour the memory of all Holocaust victims - millions of Jewish people as well as countless other victims.

This dark period in European and world history must not be forgotten, denied or repeated. Survivors play a vital role in reminding us of these horrors and in keeping the lessons alive for future generations. Their stories must not be forgotten.

The European Union firmly condemns any attempt to deny, trivialise or minimise the Holocaust, war crimes and crimes against humanity, as well as all manifestations of anti-Semitism, racism and xenophobia. We will do everything to robustly fight these phenomena."

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