

*The Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Croatia  
to the United Nations*

New York, 27 January 2014

Dear Mr Chumiecki,

I am honored to have the opportunity to extend my warmest greetings and best wishes to your organization, your guests and everyone attending the ceremony you organized on the occasion of the 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.

The liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp represents one of the milestones in our common history, and has laid down a foundation for the peace, democratization and respect of human rights that we enjoy today.

On this very day, when 69 years ago the gates of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp released its prisoners who have survived unspeakable horrors, we celebrate the International Holocaust Remembrance Day and we also celebrate humanity.

This is an opportunity to remember and pay tribute to all the victims of Nazi crimes, all those countless people who were killed because they were of different ethnicity, religion or political views, or because they were just different. We commemorate the victims of the past so that such wrongdoings would never be repeated in the future.

To this aim, we should all together strive and work hard to eliminate and suppress all forms of intolerance aimed at those that are just different.

On this very special occasion, please accept my best wishes for your ceremony.



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