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Orchard Lake Polish Mission
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Orchard Lake, MI 48324

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Dear Friends,

On January 27 we commemorate the victims of the Holocaust. On this very day in 1945 the Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated by Soviet troops.

The opening of the unique exhibition "Forbidden Art" at the Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools, Michigan, presented by the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum (Poland), is an event that should remind us of the tremendous price that was paid for the Victory over fascism.

For the victims of Nazism, art provided temporary relief and emotional escape from the horrors of the reality of those in a concentration camps. Their artworks show deep evidence of the terrible tragedy millions of Jews suffered from during the World War II. Each victim has left their unique story behind in every object of this exhibition.

The Russian people lost millions of their sons and daughters in that struggle with Nazism and we are painfully aware that by preserving the memory of the victims we all contribute to preventing a repetition of such tragedies ever again.

And now that some countries are trying to glorify Nazism and its accomplices, we shouldn't let our history be rewritten.

Fascists atrocities against humanity have no expiration date, the memory of every victim is sacred. Auschwitz-Birkenau should always serve as a warning to future generations, albeit a terrifying one.

Thank you for organizing such an outstanding event. Exhibitions like Forbidden Art remind us of the importance of safeguarding peace and upholding human dignity.

I wish you all the best.

Sergey I. Kislyak