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1. Sixty-five years have passed since the end of the bloodiest war in history of Europe and the whole mankind. The Nuremberg Trials held by the main Allied powers of World War II condemned those who started the carnage between nations. The Tribunal verdicts maintain their relevance even today.

2. World War II was not just a war between states and peoples. Fascist and national-socialist ideology was not only aimed at occupying other countries. It was deeply inhumane, totalitarian and inherently racist resulting in the Holocaust, gas chambers and mass extermination of civilians.

3. Strong condemnation of any attempts to rehabilitate Nazism and its accomplices, the revival of fascism and similar racial and nationalist ideologies would be a dignified commemoration of those who perished in the war.

4. The Council of Europe member states should not only deny official support to all actions of Nazi collaborators or actions in their honour, but should resolutely outlaw such activities.

5. We are convinced that it is most important to respect the memories of those who died in the war, to preserve their graves and memorials and to educate young Europeans in the spirit of honouring the heroic deeds of those who saved the millions of people from total annihilation.

Signed (see overleaf)

Signed[1]*:*

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Total = 45

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1. ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
   EDG: European Democrat Group
   EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party
   SOC: Socialist Group
   UEL: Group of the Unified European Left