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Condemnation of attempts at Second World War revisionism

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We, the undersigned, declare the following:

The Second World War was an enormous tragedy for the nations of Europe, as well as for the entire world as a whole, leaving tens of millions dead in European countries.

The Nuremberg Tribunal carried out a rigorous legal analysis of the events of that time, convicting the perpetrators of barbaric crimes against humanity.

Sadly, with the passage of time, not only are the lessons of history now being forgotten but they are also being deliberately distorted for political ends. There is indignation too over the destruction of burial places of soldiers who fell in the struggle to liberate Europe.

We believe it necessary that history textbooks for schools and universities in all Council of Europe member States provide truthful information on the Second World War taking account of the views endorsed by the Nuremberg Tribunal in 1946.

As the 75thanniversary of the end of the Second World War draws near, we condemn any attempts to distort the historical truth and we call for support for the global initiative to grant World heritage status to the Victory over nazism in the Second World War and the monuments to those who fought against nazism in all countries.

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