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to the Commission**

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Subject: Teaching about the Holocaust in schools

'The executioner always kills twice, the second time by silence' (Elie Wiesel)

The anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp on 27 January has been selected as the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and prevention of crimes against humanity.

The memory of the Holocaust has now become a matter for history, of which the persistence of anti-Semitic prejudice and denial theories form part. However, we must not forget that the Holocaust remains an 'exceptional historical transgression' and must realise how hard it is to 'say the unsayable' and make it the subject of a teaching programme.

On 18 October 2002, at the initiative of the Council of Europe, the European Ministers of Education adopted a Declaration establishing a Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and prevention of crimes against humanity in schools,

1. Have our Member States taken a decision to introduce and develop teaching about the Holocaust across the board?
2. Given that the 'duty to remember' cannot be fulfilled unless the Nuremberg Laws are translated into all the languages of the European Union, are the European Union and its Member States prepared to commit themselves to this project?

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