

Homeland Union – Lithuanian Christian Democrat Political Group Conference “Crisis – a particular time for the future of Lithuania”. 21 November 2009

RESOLUTION

on the Lithuanian Jews Victims of the Nazi and Soviet Occupations

Participants of the Conference,

Being aware that it is no longer possible, in any manner, to compensate for the loss caused to Lithuania and to the Jewish nation following the death of Lithuanian citizens of the Jewish origin during the Nazi occupation and that nobody could any longer compensate in practice for the suffering of surviving Jews experienced by them due to the war and the occupations, just as these hardships and losses have never been compensated for in respect of the citizens of the Republic of Lithuania of other nationalities,

Stating that Lithuania cannot assume liability for the crimes committed by the Nazi and Soviet occupational regimes,

Drawing attention to the fact that the State of Lithuania has undertaken a legal and economic burden relating to restoration of the rights of ownership to the property seized by the occupational regimes or compensation in respect of all natural persons who are citizens of the Republic of Lithuania,

Regretting over the lack of sufficient information available to the international communication about the law on restitution of the property of religious societies, which was passed in Lithuania shortly after the restoration of independence and which granted the right to all religious societies previously functioning in Lithuania to reclaim, within the period of 5 years, the property seized during the occupations,

Having familiarised with the principles of the new law, as proposed by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania, on restitution of or compensation for the property of the Jewish religious societies registered in Lithuania, which would not have any direct connection with the victims and communities and which provides for establishment of a foundation to be managed by the foreign persons not related to the Lithuanian citizens of the Jewish origin,

r e s o l v e:

1. To propose that the Government adopt a completely different approach with regard to the losses suffered by the Lithuanian Jews victims of the war and the occupations. The most expensive compensation is a moral one. Rebuilding of the most famous Lithuanian synagogue (Vokiečių St., Vilnius), which was destroyed after the war, could act as a symbol of such compensation.
2. To firmly oppose the amoral, non-transparent and unjustified intentions to allocate property to the natural or legal persons not related to the citizens of Lithuania who perished or became victims or to undertake a commitment to allocate tax payers' funds to them for 'compensation' purposes. To propose that the Government completely renounce the principle of a material compensation.

3. To propose that Members of the Seimas Gintaras Songaila and Kazimieras Uoka comply, in their parliamentary activities, with the provisions of this Resolution prepared in accordance with the principles stipulated in the Founding Declaration of the Homeland Union – Lithuanian Christian Democrat Political Group.