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STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA SUPREME COUNCIL
**Regarding the Declaration of Jewish Culture Society of Estonia and
Jewish Community**

Fifty years ago over 1000 Estonian Jews were killed by the fascist regime on the territory of then occupied Republic of Estonia. In 1942-1944 in several dozens of concentration camps on our territory continued the destruction of Jews from other European countries, among the victims were women, children, old people.

With the deepest regret it must be admitted that among those who participated in the acts of terror during Hitler occupation there were citizens of Republic of Estonia. The majority of them was justly punished and received international condemnation.

The Supreme Council of the Republic of Estonia confirms that according to international agreements ratified by our country crimes against humanity do not have the statute of limitation or acquittal.

The Supreme Council of the Republic of Estonia assures international community, Jewish Culture Society of Estonia and Jewish community that concerns regarding possible rehabilitation in Estonia of those guilty of participation in crimes against humanity and killings of innocent citizens of the Republic of Estonia and other countries are unfounded.

Recently there were cases of vandalism at the Jewish cemeteries, intimidation of Jewish School pupils. The Supreme Council of the Republic of Estonia declares that such acts are the acts of provocation committed with the only purpose, i.e. to destabilize political situation in Estonia and to undermine the international reputation of Estonian state. Those guilty of such acts should be punished according to law.

The Supreme Council of the Republic of Estonia expresses its sympathy to the families of the victims of Fascist and Stalinist regimes, and declares that the government of Republic of Estonia has allocated funds for the construction of memorial complex in Klooga.

The Supreme Council of the Republic of Estonia assures that the government, local authorities, public bodies and Estonian population continue the historic tradition of cultural and educational development of Estonian national minorities and their wide cultural autonomy.

The Supreme Council of the Republic of Estonia declares that Estonian state will continue to nip in the bud all signs of antisemitism in the country as something that is totally incompatible with the interests and traditions of Estonian people.

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Tallinn, 12 December 1991

