



# Program of the Terezín Declaration Conference

*during the Czech Presidency  
of the Council of the EU  
Nov 2-4, 2022*

*Program as of Nov 1, 2022*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, presents its compliments to the 47 countries who endorsed The Terezín Declaration in 2009 and has the honor to inform about preparations of the follow-up international conference to be held in Prague and Terezín on November 2-4, 2022.

The main program of the International Terezín Declaration Conference will be organized in the Czernin Palace in Prague **on Thursday November 3, 2022** as one of the main events during the **Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union**.

The aim of the conference is to take another significant step in future Holocaust remembrance, education of the young generation, reflecting and tackling injustices from the time of the Holocaust and combating antisemitism (especially online) as a means of preventing similar atrocities in our time and in the future. During the conference, the countries will be invited to make their pledges based on the Terezín Declaration for the coming next 3 years and come up with new ideas of additional steps that can be taken as an implementation of the Terezín Declaration. As part of the conference program, the effects of Russian aggression in Ukraine will also be reflected, including the social welfare of Holocaust survivors.

The Conference will be with the physical presence of the speakers and panel participants. The event is organized by the Office of the Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Interfaith Dialogue and FoRB.





## Program

### Wednesday Nov 2, 2022 – Experts Meeting & SECCA Meeting

1:00pm-4:00pm (*Trauttmansdorff Palace*)

**Experts Meeting** organized by the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Jewish Literature, Department of Czech and Comparative Literature, Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague and **SECCA Meeting** (Special Envoys & Coordinators Combating Antisemitism) – as an initiative of the World Jewish Congress (*Detailed programs see below*)

**Welcome Drink** at the US Ambassador's Residence in Prague for the Heads of Delegations, Panelists and Speakers

8:00pm – 9:30pm (*US Ambassador's Residence*)

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### Thursday Nov 3, 2022 - International Conference

#### Registration

8:30am – 9:00am (*Ceremonial Entrance*)

*Exhibition of Illustrations from the Ghetto Terezín*

#### Main Session in the Czernin Palace

##### 1. Opening Speeches

9:00am – 10:00am (*Main Hall*)

Jan Lipavský, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Antony Blinken, United States Secretary of State (*video*)

Meirav Cohen, Minister of Social Equality of the State of Israel

Věra Jourová, Vice President of the European Commission

Colette Avital, Chairperson of the Center Organizations of Holocaust Survivors

Dita Kraus, Holocaust survivor born in Prague, known as The Librarian of Auschwitz

Avraham Roet, Holocaust survivor introduced by Sharon Buenos, Global Director, Project Zikaron BaSalon זיכרון בסלון



*Moderator: Robert Řehák, Special Envoy for Holocaust, Interfaith Dialogue and FoRB, Czech Republic*

## **2. From Terezín Declaration Conference in 2009 to Terezín Declaration Conference in 2022**

10:00am – 10:30am (*Main Hall*)

*The panel will pursue progress of the member countries in accomplishing laid down objectives of the Terezín Declaration since its announcing in 2009. Important milestone for this purpose was the Justice for Uncompensated Survivors Today (JUST) Act adopted in the US, which provides an overview of successes of each country in reaching declared aims.*

Stuart E. Eizenstat, Chairman of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Council and Special Advisor on Holocaust Issues to the US Secretary of State

Ellen Germain, Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, U.S. Department of State

*Chair: Nicolas de Torrenté, Special Envoy to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, Switzerland*

### **Coffee Break**

10:30am – 10:45am (*Entrance to the Main Hall*)

## **3. Parallel Sessions: Education & National Statements**

### **3.1. Education, Countering Disinformation and Future Remembrance**

10:45am – 12:00pm (*Main Hall*)

*The panel will discuss new and innovative approaches in education, research and programs related to the future Holocaust remembrance and promoting tolerance in the society. Education is one of the strongest tools that can be used to strengthen young people's resilience against disinformation and to fight intolerance, discrimination, hate and antisemitism. To engage with Jewish communities and their members as well as with other minorities could be the perfect opportunity to foster and flourish mutual understanding.*

Claudia Roth, Minister of State for Culture and the Media and Member of the German Bundestag



Yehuda Bauer, Israeli Historian and Scholar of the Holocaust (*online*)

Annette Schavan, Foundation for Remembrance, Responsibility and Future,  
Former Minister of Education of Germany

Jan Roubínek, Director of Terezín Memorial

Yossi Gevir, Director of External & Governmental Affairs at Yad Vashem

*Chair: Ann Bernes, President of the International Holocaust Remembrance  
Alliance*

### **Special Presidential Message to the Terezín Declaration Conference Participants**

12:00pm – 12:15pm (*Main Hall*)

Miloš Zeman, President of the Czech Republic (*text*)

Isaac Herzog, President of the State of Israel (*video*)

### **3.2. National Statements, Contributions and Voluntary Pledges**

10:45am – 12:15pm (*Blue Hall*)

Claudia Roth, Minister of State in the Chancellery, Federal Government  
Commissioner for Culture and the Media, Germany

Karoline Edtstadler, Minister for Europe, Austria (*video*)

Roberto Alejandro Salafia, Ambassador, Argentina

Thomas Piana, Deputy Ambassador for Human Rights, Ministry  
for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France

Tristan Azbej, State Secretary, Hungary

Jackie O'Halloran Bernstein, Director, Human Rights, Political Division,  
Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland

Meir Bing, Director General, Ministry of Social Equality, Israel

National Statement of Serbia



Ulrika Sundberg, Special Envoy, Sweden

Simon Geissbühler, Assistant Secretary of State and Head, Peace and Human Rights Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Egemen Bağış, Ambassador of Türkiye to the Czech Republic, Türkiye

National Statement of Kosovo (*video*)

*Chair: Dan Haezrachy, Special Envoy for Holocaust Era Restitution, Israel*

### **Lunch**

12:15pm - 1:15pm (*Gallery*)

### **4. National Strategies to Combat Antisemitism and Online Hate Speech**

1:15pm – 2:30pm (*Main Hall*)

*The panel will deal with the progress since the European Commission adopted the first-ever EU strategy on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life. Some member states have already finished their strategies and other member states are currently designing their strategies and national policies, which should be assessed by the Commission by the end of 2023. The panel will also deal with the problem, how to improve the algorithms on social media platforms, which should not promote the division of society, hatred, discrimination, and antisemitism, but on the contrary positively motivate especially young people to fight against these phenomena and encourage tolerance and mutual understanding.*

Rabbi Andrew Baker, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism & American Jewish Committee

František Vrabel, Founder of Semantic Visions, a Prague-based analytics firm that collects and analyzes 90% of the world's online news content

Stéphane Dion, Prime Minister's Special Envoy to the European Union and Europe, and Canada's Ambassador to France and Monaco

Irina Rosensaft, Digital Transformation Lead at the Central Welfare Board of Jews in Germany; Jewish Diplomatic Corps, World Jewish Congress

*Chair: Katharina von Schnurbein, European Commission Coordinator on combatting Antisemitism*



## **5. Tackling Injustices from the Time of the Holocaust - Immovable Property and Looted Art**

2:30pm – 3:45pm (*Main Hall*)

Hannah Lessing, Austrian National Fund

David Zivie, Head of Mission for Research and Restitution of Looted Cultural Property 1933-1945, French Ministry of Culture

Anne Webber, Co-Chair of the Commission for Looted Art in Europe

Wesley Fisher, Director of Research, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany

Ferdinand Trauttmansdorff, former Austrian Ambassador in Prague

*Chair: Rt Hon Lord Eric Pickles, United Kingdom Special Envoy for post-Holocaust Issues*

### ***Coffee Break***

3:45pm – 4:00pm (*Entrance to the Main Hall*)

## **6. Social welfare of the Holocaust Survivors and Helping to the Holocaust Survivors in Ukraine**

4:00pm – 4:15pm (*Main Hall*)

Greg Schneider, Executive VP of the Claims Conference

Maya Cimeša Samokovlija, Executive Director of Community Relations, World Jewish Congress

*Chair: Mark Weitzman, COO WJRO, Former Chair of IHRA Antisemitism Committee*



## **7. Presentation of the Conference Outputs and of the International Youth Video Contest**

4:15pm – 4:30pm (*Main Hall*)

Presentation of the Conference Outputs and of the International Video Contest: Why and How to Commemorate the Holocaust Today?

### ***End of Session***

4:30pm

## **Defiant Requiem Concert: Hours of Freedom: The Story of the Terezín Composer**

6:00pm – 7:15pm (*Main Hall*)

### **Opening speech**

Stuart E. Eizenstat, Chairman of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Council and Special Advisor on Holocaust Issues to the US Secretary of State

Anna Azari, Ambassador of Israel to the Czech Republic

Tomáš Pojar, Advisor for Foreign and Security Policy to the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

*Hours of Freedom is a stirring multimedia concert-drama featuring music by composers imprisoned in the Theresienstadt (Terezín) Concentration Camp during WWII. Presented as nine chapters with titles including, “Hope”, “Fate”, “Longing” and “The Eyewitness” this concert combines music, video, and narrative to highlight works by Viktor Ullmann, Gideon Klein, Pavel Haas, Rudolf Karel, and others. The compositions performed portray the agony and suffering of camp life, along with the inspiration, revelation, harmony, and hope that comes through music.*

Created & written by Murry Sidlin

Presented by The Defiant Requiem Foundation

### **Dinner**

7:30pm (*Gallery*)

Dinner for Delegates in the Czernin Palace





## Friday Nov 4, 2022 – Tour to Terezín

### Guided Visit of the Ghetto Terezín

8:45am – Meeting at the Czernin Palace

9:00am – Departure

9:15am – 9:35am – Memorial of Silence at the Prague Bubny Railway Station presented by Pavel Štingl, Director of Memorial of Silence (*historical place from where people were deported to Terezín*)

10:20am – 12:00pm – Guided Tour of the Ghetto Terezín

12:00pm – 12:40pm – Buffet lunch in Terezín

1:40pm – Return to Czernin Palace

Bus transport to Terezín will be provided for the registered delegates, departing from the Czernin Palace. The return to Prague will be around 13:40pm.

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## Detailed Program of the Experts Meeting

### Wednesday Nov 2, 2022

1:00pm-4:00pm (*Trauttmansdorff Palace*)

Experts Meeting is held under the honorary auspices of the Charles University Rector Prof. MUDr. Milena Králíčková, Ph.D and organized by the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Jewish Literature, Department of Czech and Comparative Literature, Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague.



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### Opening Speech

1:00pm-1:30pm (*Trauttmansdorff Palace*)

Prof. MUDr. Milena Králíčková, Ph.D, Rector of the Charles University in Prague

PhDr. Milan Žonca, Ph.D., Vice-Dean for International Relations

Libuše Heczková, Director of the Department of Czech and Comparative Literature, Faculty of Arts, Charles University







## Key Speakers

1:30pm-2:20pm (*Trauttmansdorff Palace*)

Julius H. Schoeps, Founding Director of The Moses Mendelssohn Center for European Jewish studies, University of Potsdam: *The Deportation of my Grandparents Käthe and Julius Schoeps from Berlin to Theresienstadt*

Mag. Natascha Drubek-Meyer, Ph.D, The School of Slavonic and East, European Studies (SSEES), University College London: *Five Reasons Why the Film Made in The Ghetto Theresienstadt Matters Today*

*Chair: ThDr. Petr J. Vinš, Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Jewish Literature, Faculty of Arts, Charles University*

## Coffee Break

2:20pm – 2:40pm

## Parallel Sessions:

### Session A: Terezín after Three-quarters of a Century

2:40pm-4:00pm (*Trauttmansdorff Palace*)

Jiří Sozanský, PhDr. Jan Roubínek, B.A. (Terezín Memorial): *Jiří Sozanský's Terezín Ghetto as Inspiration*

Prof. Jiří Holý, Department of Czech and Comparative Literature, Faculty of Arts, Charles University: *Czech and German-Language Literature in Terezín*

*Chair: Mag. Petr Brod, M.A.*

## Presentations by Students of the Faculty of Arts

Šárka Sladovnicková: Ghetto Theresienstadt in Czechoslovak and Czech Feature Film

Hana Nichtburgerová, M.A.: Richard Glazar in Terezín and in Treblinka

Tereza Málková: Girl's Magazine Bonaco in Terezín



## **Session B: Reflecting upon the Holocaust**

2:40pm-4:00pm (*Trauttmansdorff Palace*)

Prof. Joanna Dyduch, PhD., Institute of the Middle and Far East, Jagiellonian University, Kraków: *Holocaust memory in contemporary Poland: Developments, disputes, and controversies*

Avraham Weber, University of Marburg, *Current changes in Holocaust research and its effects on international litigation*

Dr. Olaf Glöckner, Moses Mendelssohn Center for European Jewish Studies, University of Potsdam: *Between silent commemoration and "yolocaust": Debates on handling the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe in Berlin*

PhDr. et Mgr. Marcela Menachem Zoufalá, Ph.D., Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Jewish Literature, Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague: *Joint-Reading of the names of Jewish and Romani Holocaust victims on Yom HaShoah: Contemporary polemic in the Czech Republic*

PhDr. Zbyněk Tarant, Ph.D, Department of Middle East Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of West Bohemia, Plzeň: *Holocaust appropriation during Covid-19 - A new challenge to the Holocaust memory?*

Mgr. Jiří Smlsal, Institute of Economic and Social History, Faculty of Arts, Charles University: *Confiscations of Romani property during the Holocaust*

*Chair: Mgr. Jan Fingerland, Czech Radio*

*Discussant: Matthias Weller, The Rhenish Friedrich Wilhelm University of Bonn*



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