

It is time now, 75 years since the ending of the Second World War, that justice for Roma is done without further delay, and that the very definition of the Holocaust is corrected to properly acknowledge the Roma and their suffering during the Second World War as being an integral part of the Holocaust.

We witness now days how racist ideologies rooted in the same flawed and dangerous belief that some human beings are superior to others, manifest unabatedly in our society. Racism has permeated the highest political and government levels, unfolding in an unended name; in what is proven to have become a climate of acceptance and impunity.

Anti-Semitism, anti-Roma rhetoric and hate motivated crimes and incidents against these people make the headlines every day and risk becoming an unacceptable normality. This must end!

Today, as we commemorate worldwide the victims of the Holocaust, I humbly urge all states, politicians and international organizations, to upscale their efforts and ensure that this essential history lesson is fully learnt, so that the terrible suffering inflicted by the Nazi racist ideology upon the human kind will never repeat!

I emphasize the essential duty and responsibility of the governments and politicians to firmly condemn all forms of racism and nationalist extremism, and to fight prejudice and discrimination.