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The Honourable Christian Mejdahl
Speaker
The Folketinget
Christiansborg
1240 Copenhagen K
Denmark

Dear Colleague,

On December 11 2006, the President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinijad, will convene a Conference on Holocaust denial in Teheran. Heads of government and parliamentarians from various countries have been invited to attend.

Holocaust denial is not a new phenomenon. For reasons difficult to comprehend, a few intellectuals have engaged in perverted attempts to rewrite history and recently some have been convicted by courts of law.

The Holocaust, one of the greatest crimes in human history, represents the culmination of many centuries of anti-Semitism and systematic discrimination against the Jews of Europe. Denying the Holocaust encourages the continuation of anti-Semitism and a large numbers of countries have, therefore, already adopted legislation against Holocaust denial.

However, this is the first time that a Head of State of a member of the United Nations has organized such a meeting, whose purpose is, without doubt, not only to spread hatred against the Jews, but ultimately to deligitimize the Jewish State of Israel.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE, in its annual session in July this year, adopted an important Resolution on Combatting Anti-Semitism and other Forms of Intolerance. This Resolution makes it incumbent upon the governments and parliaments of the 56 member states to fight against all forms of anti-Semitism, and Holocaust denial is clearly one of them.

I am writing to you, Mr. Speaker, to ask you, and the members of the Folketinget of Denmark, to condemn this gathering in the strongest possible terms. Parliamentarians of free democratic countries must send a clear and urgent message to the leaders of Iran that such behaviour can no longer be tolerated by the family of nations.

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We do hope that such action will ultimately bring about the cancellation of the Teheran Conference.

Hoping to hear from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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