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November 24, 2010

H.E. Andrius Kubilius
Prime Minister
Republic of Lithuania
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Lithuania

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

We were shocked to learn that an official of the Lithuanian government has publicly denied the Holocaust in an article recently published in the online version of the magazine *Veidas*. We respectfully ask you to take immediate and appropriate action against the author, Dr. Petras Stankeras, an official in your Interior Ministry.

In the November 14 article entitled, "The Nuremburg Military Court Tribunal: The Biggest Legal Farce in History," Dr. Stankeras writes:

Svarbu ir tai, kad Niurnbergo procese teisinį pagrindą įgavo legenda apie 6 mln. neva nužudytų žydų, nors iš tiesų teismas neturėjo ne vieno A.Hitlerio pasirašyto dokumento apie žydų naikinimą (šio dokumento, jeigu jis egzistavo, iki šių dienų niekas nerado, nors pažadėta net milijono dolerių premija).

We understand that the translation below is accurate.

It is also important that during the Nuremburg Trial the legend about six million supposedly murdered Jews acquired a legal basis, even though the court did not have a single document signed by A. Hitler concerning the extermination of Jews (this document, if it ever existed, has not been found to this day, although a million dollar reward has been promised).

To state that six million Jews were "supposedly murdered" and that their deaths amount to no more than a "legend" constitutes Holocaust denial, which is prohibited by law in Lithuania.

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Holocaust denial is an anti-Semitic conspiracy theory which alleges that Jews invented the myth of their own genocide. Holocaust deniers claim that Jews invented this myth in order to obtain fraudulent financial compensation from European countries and cynically create a false justification for the creation of the State of Israel. Holocaust denial also claims that Jews have been able to disseminate this myth around the world due to their control over governments, the media, and the financial industry. All of these claims are classic examples of anti-Semitism. Holocaust denial is nothing less than a modern re-telling of the notorious forgery, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which is also prohibited by law in Lithuania.

Just as you spoke out against the anti-Semitic attack on the synagogue in Kaunas in August, your public action in this case will send an important message to Lithuanian society that anti-Semitism must not be tolerated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Foxman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Abraham H. Foxman
National Director

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cc: H.E. Žygimantas Pavilionis, Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to the
United States

Dr. Simonas Alperavicius, Chairman of the Lithuanian Jewish Community