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Subject: Statement by the Minister of the Interior of Lithuania

Dear colleagues,

I believe that you might have noticed an article, recently published in the online version of the Lithuanian magazine “Veidas”, entitled “The Nuremburg Military Court Tribunal: The Biggest Legal Farce in History”. You will find a statement by Minister of the Interior Raimundas PALAITIS below this note in which the Minister condemns views on interpretation of the history expressed by one of the officials of the Ministry. Please note that today P. Stankeras delivered his personal application for the release from his duties.

Sincerely,

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The Minister expresses his regrets for the irresponsible opinion by one of the employees of the Ministry of the Interior in respect to the Jews

Referring to the letter of the Ambassadors of foreign countries concerning the statements of the article by Mr. Petras Stankeras entitled “Nuremberg War Crime Trial as the biggest legal farce in history” and published in the periodical magazine “Veidas” (as of 8 November 2011, No. 45), which caused the doubts on mass extermination of the citizens of Jewish nationality, the Minister of the Interior Raimundas Palaitis, on behalf of the Ministry, expressed his regrets and apologized [to] Their Excellences, the Ambassadors.

In his article Petras Stankeras wrote: “It is also important that during the Nuremberg Process the legal basis was given to the assumption that there were 6 million Jews killed, while actually the Trial has had no document signed by A. Hitler concerning the extermination of Jewish people (nobody ever found this document until now, though the award for this document is one million dollars)”.

“I truly regret for the personal interpretations of the history, delivered by the author of this article P. Stankeras, and I would like to stress that such interpretations have nothing in common with the position of the Ministry of the Interior in regard to the Jewish genocide”, the Minister R. Palaitis wrote in the letter to the Ambassadors of foreign states. “I personally paid a visit to Israel on 1–2 November this year and honoured the victims of Jewish Holocaust in Yad Vashem in Jerusalem personally and on behalf of the representing authority by laying the wreath at the Monument”.

As the evaluation of historic events, delivered by the author of this article, are offensive to the citizens of Jewish nationality and defames the institution itself, the Minister R. Palaitis asked P. Stankeras to evaluate whether his statements do not interfere with the ethics of civil servant. Today P. Stankeras delivered his personal application for the release from his duties.