HE Ambassador Asta Skaisgirytė Liauškienė
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Dear Ambassador,

I appeal to you to take note that Amnesty International EU has just received an award of the Nobel Peace Prize and that the presence of pernicious right wing fascist activity, including increasingly racist provocation in Lithuania, is a shame to Amnesty's endeavors and to the European community.

The growth of fascism promoting xenophobia and intolerance in your country is unacceptable and puts your country in a shameful position:

I quote Amnesty International EU:

"*But EU leaders mustn't bask in the glow of the prize. Xenophobia and intolerance are on the rise throughout Europe, and growing numbers of political leaders are promoting anti-Muslim, anti-Roma, anti-migrant, and anti-LGBTI messages and enjoying increasing popularity. Europeans are in danger of forgetting some hard-learnt lessons from their past about the importance of not relinquishing human rights and the rule of law which protect individuals from persecution*.

To protect the achievements which the award of the prize acknowledges, Amnesty International has called for the EU to ensure that the defence of human rights within its borders becomes central to its approach.

The organisation points to widespread discrimination across Europe against people from ethnic, religious, sexual and gender minorities, the failure to uphold refugees' and migrants' rights, and serious discrimination against Roma people."

The youth who take part in fascist activities in your country are too young to have experienced the devastation of Europe caused by Nazi fascism and therefore are in need of effective Holocaust education. I therefore appeal to you to take action to tackle these serious issues in your country.

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