

MEMORANDUM

of understanding and principles of cooperation for the establishment of the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial in the territory of the city of Kyiv

The **Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine**, represented by the Minister of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine, Tkachenko Oleksandr,

and

The **Charity Organization ‘Babi Yar Holocaust Memorial Charity Fund’**, represented by Ronald S. Lauder, hereafter the “Parties”:

Confirm that preservation and restoration of the memory of the Babyn Yar tragedy, as a symbol of the Holocaust and other tragedies of the World War II period, constitutes an integral component of the memory of the Jewish people and the national memory of the Ukrainian people, as well as of other peoples of the world who witnessed the Nazi regime’s crimes and fell victim to its actions;

Recognize the need to unite the efforts of Ukrainian society, the Ukrainian state, the international community, and international and Ukrainian organizations in researching and studying the Holocaust and the Babyn Yar tragedy, with the aim of preserving and restoring historical memory, so that it will become a permanent reminder of the price paid by ordinary people for the sake of peace;

Welcome and support the Charity Organization “Babi Yar Holocaust Memorial Charity Fund” in their drive to establish a museum and scientific and educational complex in the “Babyn Yar” area in the city of Kyiv – the “Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Centre”, hereafter referred to as the “Memorial”, the implementation of which aims to respectfully commemorate the victims of the Babyn Yar tragedy and promote human values via the preservation and study of the history of the Holocaust;

And strive to promote Ukraine’s image as a country that takes historical lessons as the basis for cooperation and understanding between different peoples both today and in the future.

The State shall promote the implementation of initiatives related to the establishment of the Memorial and shall cooperate with the Fund in compliance with the following principles:

Common goal:

The Parties agree that the main goal of the Memorial development is that in the future, no person will ever become either a victim of, participant in, or tacit witness to any tragedy like the Babyn Yar tragedy;

Respectful commemoration:

Establishment of a Memorial, unique in Eastern Europe, that symbolizes respectful commemoration of the Holocaust tragedy in Ukrainian history, European history, and the history of the whole of mankind in the ‘Babyn Yar’ area, where one of the most horrific atrocities of the occupying Nazi regime was perpetrated;

Dialogue:

Establishment of a mechanism of permanent and effective dialogue and consultation;

Transparency and accountability:

Development of the Memorial must be based on the principles of transparency and accountability to civic society, consisting of the wide coverage of all stages of the Memorial establishment;

Experience aggregation:

Aggregation of the scientific and managerial experience of the State and the Fund, manifested in the participation of authorized representatives on the Fund's Supervisory Board and the Fund's Scientific Council;

Mutual support:

Effective collaboration between state institutions, local self-government bodies and the Fund, aimed at ensuring a respectful commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Babyn Yar tragedy.

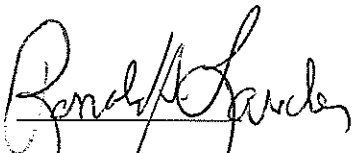
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For and on behalf of the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine

Signed by:



Ronald S. Lauder

For and on behalf of the Charity organization 'Babi Yar Holocaust Memorial Charity Fund'