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Dear Mr. Moderator,

I want to pay attention on the situation in Ukraine with the Glorification of Nazism that violates the fundamental rights of the Jewish people, as well as all the victims of Nazism.

Moreover, after the May 15, 2014 the President of Ukraine Petr Poroshenko signed the Law "On condemnation of the Communist and the National Socialist (Nazi) totalitarian regimes in Ukraine and ban their propaganda and symbols", any criticism of the fighters against these regimes, a part of which were militants of OUN/ UPA (Organization of the Ukrainian Nationalists), is prohibited by legislation.

Ukrainian nationalists considered Jews, as well as the Poles, and Russians, like the enemies of Ukrainian people. Ukrainian nationalists already in summer of 1941 took part in pogroms of Jews in Western Ukraine, some pogroms they spent together with the German soldiers, as part of organized by themselves, without the support of German units. In addition many members of OUN entered the Ukrainian police created by German Army.

Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) based in spring 1943 by the Ukrainian nationalists Organization (OUN), killed in 1943-1944 on the Volhynia and Eastern Galicia 70 000 to 100 000 Poles, thousands of Jews and unknown number of Ukrainians. July 11, 1943 Ukrainian nationalists attacked about 100 polish settlements and killed hundreds of civilians.

Despite the fact that the President of Ukraine Peter Poroshenko during a visit to the summit NATO in Warsaw put flowers to the Monument of Volyn victims, and has been posted by treatment with apology from the Ukrainian bishops and two former presidents, the leaders of these criminals Roman Shuhevich and Stepan Bandera are glorified in the modern Ukraine. The Parliament assigned to them the title of Heroes of Ukraine, also the Street named by their names.

Whether wonder the level of anti-Semitic vandalism in this country? Well known is that the Babītes Yar Complex 7 times In 2015 became the object of vandalism.

Today, September 26, on the Eve of 75 years of tragedy in Babi Yar and approaching Jewish Holiday Rosh-Ha-Shana (Jewish New year) in the town of Spole in Ukraine again was desecrated Memorial on the tomb of the Jewish Tzaddik Spoler Zaide.

Together with the grave of Tzaddik were desecrated the grave of relatives of the women, who previously informed the police about the first crime. It is absolutely clear that only the staff of Ukrainian police could know who is that woman.

### **Recommendations:**

**1. To organize a separate Conference under the auspices of the OSCE High Commissioner for Human Rights on anti-Semitism in the OSCE countries.**

**2. To start a regular OSCE monitoring of anti-Semitism in Ukraine.**