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Ladies and gentlemen,

I want to draw your attention to the facts of hate vandalism in Ukraine, which in the past two years have taken systematic.

Total in the first half of 2015 was marked 20 xenophobic acts of vandalism. Ten of these actions were directed against the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Moscow Patriarchate (UOC-MP) and ten were anti-Semitic. In 2014, during the same period was marked by 21 shares of this kind, but last year they focused mainly on the Vladimir Lenin monuments.

January 26 and April 22 was an attempted arson of the church UOC MP in Babi Yar in Kiev.

January 27 in Kiev, was set on fire the church of St. Martyr Tryphon.

February 12 Holy Cross Church of the village Great Sevastyanovka Khryustivka district of Cherkasy region was blocked by people in camouflage uniforms with the insignia "Right Sector", which pushed the Dean Khryustivka district Archpriest Basil Mihanchuka without giving him an opportunity to speak, and tried to force the priest to go to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Kiev Patriarchate (UOC-KP).

February 12 was attacked the Resurrection Cathedral city of Kovel.

February 22 representatives of the "Right Sector" attacked the Transfiguration Cathedral in Sumy. They blocked the entrance, threatening the ruling bishop, the clergy and the faithful.

On the night of May 24, unknown persons set fire to the church of St. Panteleimon in a city Kovel, Volyn region.

On the night of 5 June 6, was committed the acts of vandalism against the two temples of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of MP in Vasilkov, Kiev region. On the night of June 27, one of these temples was attacked by vandals again.

For the period January-July 2015, there were several acts of anti-Semitic vandalism in the historical-memorial reserve "Babi Yar."

January 2015. The desecration of the memorial stone monument paint in Holocaust Remembrance Day.

April 2015 vandals poured paint the stones of the monument, noting, therefore, the date of birth of the leader of the Third Reich - Adolph Hitler.

June 29 monument to the Jews who died at Babi Yar was covered with an unknown liquid adhesive. This was reported by the delegation "Shorashim" who visited the memorial at Babi Yar during the visit to Ukraine, dedicated to the opening of the organization's office in Dnipropetrovsk.

Also were subjected to desecration of monuments to victims of the Holocaust in Odessa (March 22), Odessa (April 26), Novomoskovsk (May 12), Nikopol (June 16).

June 12, it became known that in Ostrog, Rovno region, right next to the cemetery wall of the ancient Jewish graves under construction - laid a new road to the souped villas.
During construction, excavator lifted soil so deep that have been affected by several tombstones and found human remains. February 14 unidentified tomb desecrated the graves of Sarah and Haya, daughter of the founder of the current Breslov Nachman, in Kremenchug. On the night of June 29, unknown persons set fire to the ambulance, paramedical and belonged to Jewish rescue organization "Hatsala Ukraine."

I must say that acts of anti-Semitism in this country are taking more and more dangerous. So on the eve of the Jewish New Year, September 13, 2015 at Babi Yar, in the night from Saturday to Sunday, the monument "Menorah" besieged and set fire to tires. And to better burning it was added a special liquid. Accidentally the watchman heard the reserve and put out. An interesting reaction to this fact of Ukrainian police that offered the Jewish community of Kiev to arrange a memorial complex ambush and "if anything will be happened, to call the police" !!!

A few days ago the Ukrainian Prime Minister Yatsenyuk wrote a letter to the Secretary General of the World Jewish Congress. He wrote that outraged vandalism at Babi Yar. However, he argues that the last crime of Babi Yar - is not anti-Semitism, but political provocation aimed against him personally. It is the fact that anti-Semitism in Ukraine was denied by the current Ukrainian authorities. Also draws the attention of the fact that the Prime Minister refers to the Jews in New York, and not to the local civil society, not to the local Jewish community!

In this regard, my recommendations of the OSCE:

Take under control the situation with the xenophobic vandalism in Ukraine and to make every effort to stop the xenophobic campaign initiated by different political forces who are forming the public demand for radicalism.