

Text of the statement

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am glad to see you all here.

The main theme of my statement is the pain of my people, fear for the future of our children. What path waits us in the future, where we are moving to. What the future life will be.

Mainly the problem is that in many countries incorrect approach of government exists because of the corruption and the irresponsibility of some officials. They usually promise a lot, but they do not use to keep their promises. And when the time to answer for their mistakes comes, they find a derelict nation to be accused of them. We had such lessons at the beginning of the last century. The lessons of holocaust, the lessons of Auschwitz. The history has tendency to repeat.

Nowadays in many countries nationalist organizations raise their flags, as it happened in 1933 in Germany. And we see again the connivance of governments. But you all have to understand if the history of the Second World War repeats, if we don't stop this plague of nationalism, then everybody will suffer. I am calling you to wake up. The Earth where all we live is the common home for everybody. Of course we are all relying on God most of all. Lord, have mercy on us.

I advise to organize of the round tables in the compact places of Roma living, which will be attended by the local representatives of other ethnic nationalities, by local officials and by state officials. The agenda of these meetings is the discussion and solution of issues of current interest. These meetings should be held in all countries where Roma people live.

I also want to add that the representatives of Roma people should take place in the Council, responsible for the building of the Memorial to the Murdered Roma in Berlin. The erection of this monument is important for our people and it is impossible without Roma participation.

Taking this opportunity, I also want to thank the United State Congress and Hillary Clinton for the support of Roma people. Also Roma leaders express gratitude to the government of Finland for the help in solution of problems of Roma people.

Thank you for your attention.

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