

Raoul Wallenberg Honorary Citizen Committee

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RE : RAOUL WALLENBERG - HUMANITARIAN HERO

Your Excellencies:

Some of you may be aware of our longstanding correspondence with the European Parliament (copies enclosed) and your governments. For your information, with reference to the Russian government's position on the Wallenberg case, the Russian government has officially rehabilitated Raoul Wallenberg.

I am writing to ask your assistance in requesting that the European Council/Parliament/Union and that your governments actively pursue the search for Raoul Wallenberg. Raoul Wallenberg saved the lives of tens of thousands of Jewish individuals during the Holocaust and is still considered missing. He is the only person in the world who is an Honorary Citizen of the US, Canada, and Israel, and a citizen of Sweden.

We are therefore appealing to you, Your Excellencies, on humanitarian grounds to please actively support this initiative of trying to find more information on the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg.

- May we request your assistance in obtaining access to all relevant classified files from the Russian Federation?

- May we request your assistance in obtaining access to all relevant classified files from your agencies, which in the past have dealt with the Wallenberg case?

Wallenberg researchers face two obstacles:

1. Restrictions in certain specific countries – such as the Russian Federation.
 2. Mutual restrictions, i.e., classification requests that countries place on each other in certain cases. If anything, all countries involved in the Wallenberg case should be working to reduce and eliminate these mutual restrictions and allow specially-qualified researchers access to all relevant materials.
- Some countries already have their own war crimes historians working in Russian archives to conduct research. One suggestion would be to authorize these historians to also research the Raoul Wallenberg case.
 - May we request that the European Council/Parliament/Union, Sweden, the United States, Canada, Germany, and Israel, appoint special envoys in order to implement an international governmental policy with the goal of immediately clarifying the fate of Raoul Wallenberg? These envoys would ideally share information and present their findings to each country's Attorney General.

Please find below the text from European Community Resolution C149/142, 17 May 1990 (f) Doc B3 936/90 to establish the fate of Raoul Wallenberg.

This resolution “*Calls on the Russian authorities*”

1. *To reopen the case of Mr. Raoul Wallenberg and*;
2. *To allow an international commission of historians and experts to examine all relevant archive material;*
3. *To use the press, radio and television and all other legal avenues to launch a search throughout the territory of the Soviet Union.”*

Please find below the text from the United States 97th Congress, which indicates the prominence of the case.

Joint Resolution Public Law 97-54-OCT.5, 198, Public Law 97-54

Proclaiming Raoul Wallenberg to be an honorary citizen of the United States, and requesting the President to ascertain from the Soviet Union the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg and to secure his return to freedom.

Sec. 2. The President is requested to take all possible steps to ascertain from the Soviet Union the whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg and to secure his return to freedom.

And most recently, in its letter from 2 September 2009, the German Ministry of Foreign affairs writes:

“Die Bundesregierung versichert Ihnen, dass sich Deutschland auch kuenftig mit diesem Thema auseinandersetzen und Raoul Wallenberg stets ein ehrendes Andenken bewahren wird.”

What is of immediate importance is the fact that somewhere around the globe there may still be individuals (witnesses) with factual information on Raoul’s whereabouts. The matter’s urgency cannot be overstated, since the witnesses we are attempting to find are most likely in their 80s or 90s and their life expectancies are obviously limited.

The Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in conjunction with the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, previously approved the text of the attached “Missing in Action Appeal”, and it was sent to some Swedish and Israeli embassies around the world. We would please like to further request that your governments send out the “Missing in Action Appeal” through their networks of embassies, with a request that each Ambassador hold a briefing with representatives of the local media, human rights groups, Holocaust groups, and local governments to stress the importance of the fact that Raoul Wallenberg's fate is still unknown and that perhaps, through the help of these individuals (witnesses), the case may be resolved.

May we respectfully ask if Your Excellencies would consider facilitating a meeting with governmental representatives, researchers, and some members of Raoul Wallenberg’s immediate family in order to clarify the details of how to proceed effectively?

In conclusion, I would like to mention the fact that it is now quite clear that the Raoul Wallenberg case can be solved and that a functioning methodology exists that, if employed, would yield the truth about his fate.

Therefore, I would respectfully ask that you review your position on the Wallenberg case on humanitarian grounds and use all available means to establish the truth to the whereabouts of this great humanitarian hero, Raoul Wallenberg.

Respectfully submitted,

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