



Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Sweden

Dear Mr Grunberg

Thank you for your letter and messages to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in which you propose that the Swedish Government request Interpol to issue a so-called Yellow notice as part of the efforts to shed additional light on the fate of Raoul Wallenberg. Let me assure you that the Swedish Government remains strongly engaged regarding the fate of Raoul Wallenberg, as well as in the important endeavour to honour his lasting legacy as a role model of personal responsibility and courage.

In this context, Sweden deems it to be of utmost importance that the fate of Raoul Wallenberg remains as an item on the agenda of our political dialogue with Russia. This dialogue – in combination with the efforts of researchers and historians – has also yielded some progress recently, for example the release last autumn of cablegrams between the Soviet Embassy in Stockholm and the Soviet Foreign Ministry in 1944-1947.

Concerning your suggestion that the Swedish Government request Interpol to issue a Yellow notice; in addition to the response communicated to you in the letter dated 12 July 2011 and further clarifications provided by our Embassy in Tel Aviv, please be informed that Interpol cannot undertake any intervention or activity of a political character. Therefore, referring the matter to Interpol would imply that the issue is non-political in nature, which could legitimise the opinion that Raoul Wallenberg's fate should no longer be part of the bilateral political agenda between Russia and Sweden.

Against this background, Sweden has decided not to request the services of Interpol in the search for Raoul Wallenberg.

However, the Government will continue to allocate a substantial sum annually specifically in order to support research projects and other activities relating to

Raoul Wallenberg's fate and his deeds, as well as keeping this issue high on the agenda in Sweden's political dialogue with Russia.

In addition, and as you are aware, the Swedish Government has also decided to commemorate and honour Raoul Wallenberg's centenary through numerous events and activities during the year, many of which will continue to play an important role to highlight the issues regarding Raoul Wallenberg's fate and deeds also in the future.

Sincerely yours,


Henrik Norberg