

Statement by the Presidents of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia on The International Historical Educational Charitable and Human Rights Society Memorial and historical revisionism

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We, the Presidents of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia express our concern regarding historical revisionism in Russia and specifically the possible closure of Memorial.

Memorial is one of the oldest independent organizations involved in defending human rights in Russia and documenting Stalinist crimes across the whole former Soviet area. We greatly appreciate the dedication and determination of Memorial staff to commemorate the victims of Soviet crimes perpetrated against the Polish, Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian nations, as well as against millions of Russians, Ukrainians and people of other nationalities. We are full of admiration for the work of Russian citizens who are ready to tell the whole truth about an inconvenient history and human rights violations committed by totalitarian regimes. This work is an important contribution to the European collective memory.

We, the Presidents of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland, have agreed to strengthen cooperation in fighting the falsification of history, disinformation and historical revisionism. We will stand together to ensure historical remembrance of the crimes committed by totalitarian regimes.

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