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This year, International Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27 marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the largest German Nazi concentration and death camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau. On this day, people around the world remember those who were murdered during the Shoah, and we honour those who survived unimaginable atrocities at the hands of the Nazi regime.

The National Holocaust Monument, in the heart of Canada's capital, serves as a memorial to the loss of innocent lives, including six million Jewish men, women and children, and others who were victims because of disability, race, religion and sexual orientation. This potent symbol of Canada's openness and diversity also pays tribute to the survivors who came to this country to rebuild their lives hoping for a better future. It is important that we keep their stories alive and educate ourselves about the Holocaust and the hate that fueled the attempt to exterminate the Jewish people.

As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I urge everyone to use these lessons of the past to stand up against antisemitism, racism and intolerance, to refuse to be silent in the face of injustice and hate, and to uphold human rights and human dignity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pascale St-Onge'.

The Honourable Pascale St-Onge