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THE EMBASSY OF CANADA

Ambassador of Canada H.E. Ms Lisa Helfand

H-1027 Budapest, Ganz utca 12-14, Hungary

SUBJECT: Support request re. The Institute for Research of Genocide, Canada

Dear Ambassador Helfand,

We are reaching out to you on behalf of the *Association of Victims and Witnesses of Genocide* and *The Mother's Action of the Srebrenica and Žepa Enclave Association* from Bosnia and Herzegovina related to the worrisome situation our partner organization, *The Institute for Research of Genocide, Canada*, is in.

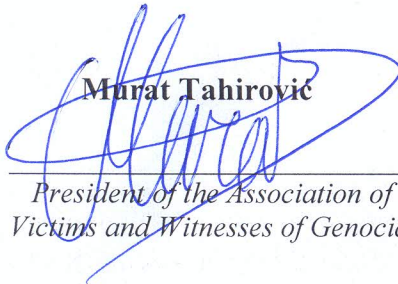
We have been informed that in the last few months the Institute and its Executive Director, Mr. Emir Ramić, have been continuously threatened, provoked and harassed due to the nature of the work of the Institute. Mr. Ramić has filed a number of complaints but to no avail. The complaints were filed according to the human rights code as related to the protected social area, i.e. membership in a professional association.

The Institute is a public research institute engaged in research and documentation processes of crimes against humanity, genocide and grave violations of humanitarian law primarily related to crimes committed in former Yugoslavia from 1991 to 1996. As partners and genocide survivors, we can testify to the valuable work of the Institute and the struggles that it is exposed to by genocide deniers. The denial of genocide also pressures those that are working to bring truth and justice to light. The Institute is an example of such a pressure and that is why we are reaching out to you.

We understand that the legal jurisdiction to address the complaint lies at either the federal or provincial level in Canada. However, given our experience and partnership with the Institute, it is disheartening to know that there has not been an intervention in the Institute and Mr. Ramić's case. As such, we are kindly requesting for this issue to be looked into and for it to be resolved in the fastest and most appropriate manner possible.

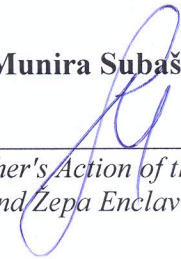
If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


Murat Tahirović

*President of the Association of
Victims and Witnesses of Genocide*



Munira Subašić


*The Mother's Action of the Srerenica
and Zepa Enclave*