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Excellency,

I would like to bring to your attention the deeply disturbing upcoming Second International Holocaust Cartoon Contest on the theme of Holocaust denial that will be held in Iran in the month of April 2015. According to the organizers, the purpose of the contest is to offer a response to the West's reaction to the Charlie Hebdo terror attack in Paris.

This contest legitimates Holocaust denial. It encourages Holocaust deniers to present their profoundly offensive drawings as "art", thereby making a mockery of the millions of Jewish victims of one of history's darkest moments.

According to foreign media sources, the winner of this contest will not only be rewarded financially, but will also have its "oeuvre" presented at the "Palestine Museum of Contemporary Art" in Tehran.

With the atrocities of the Holocaust still fresh in our collective memory, this contest goes against the very essence of our determination to memorialize the Holocaust, and learn its lessons.

In his Statement to the General Assembly on Antisemitism, French Philosopher Bernard-Henri Lévy said, "When you go after the Jews, insisted an early opponent of the Nazis, it is like a first line crumbling under an invisible volley that eventually will hit the rest of us as it draws closer."

Excellency, in this regard I am reminded of your remarks on January 22 at the General Assembly meeting on the rise of Antisemitism. "The systematic murder of millions of European Jews in the Holocaust showed Antisemitism at its most monstrous. One of the cardinal missions of the United Nations is to prevent such horrors. A United Nations that wants to be true to its founding aims and ideals has a duty to speak out against Antisemitism."

As so eloquently stated by you, we have a duty to speak out against Antisemitism. This abhorrent form of Holocaust denial is an abomination to everything the United Nations stands for. Keeping silent is not an option. I urge you to publicly condemn this contest and the Iranian authorities that sponsor it.

Sincerely yours,

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Permanent Representative

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Secretary-General
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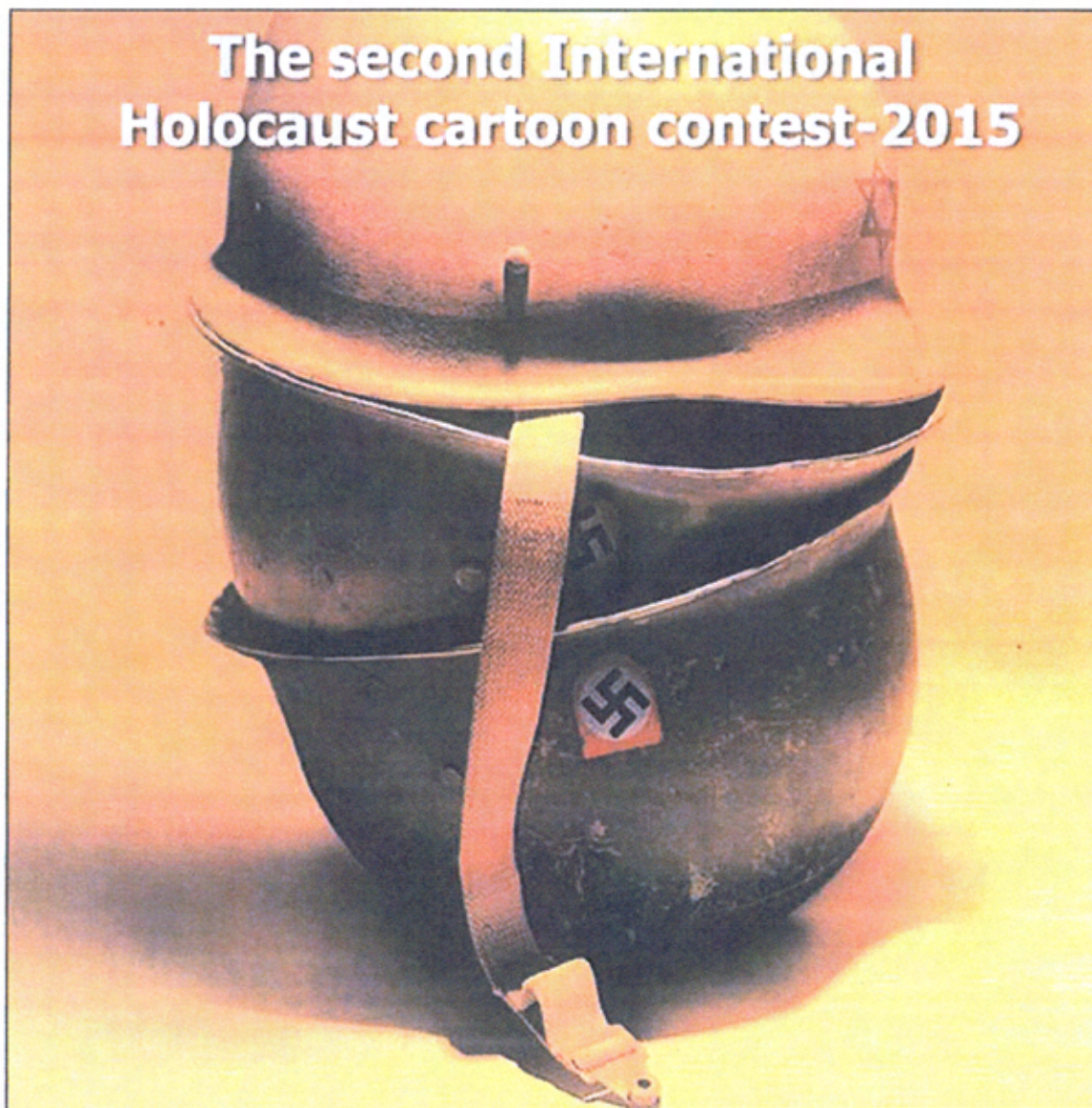
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Regulation:

Technique: Free

Maximum Sending Artworks: 5 Artworks

Size: Artworks Must Be By Format (Jpg) Minimum 2000 Pixel By 200 DPI Dimensions

Participants Must Send Their (Photo, Full Name, Post Address, Email Address, Phone Number) Via Word File.

All Participants That Their Cartoons Publish In Catalog Will Receive One Catalog.

Theme:

1-If west doesn't know any limit for freedom of expression, why they don't permit the researchers and historians to consider Holocaust?

2-Why should Palestinian oppressed people compensate Holocaust. The people that didn't have any role in world war II?