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His Excellency Dacian Cioloș
Prime Minister
Bucharest, Romania

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

On behalf of B'nai B'rith International and its more than 100,000 members and supporters around the world, we write to express our approval and thanks for the government's passage of legislation that would assign priority to restitution claims by Holocaust survivors for property lost during World War II. This measure will not only provide practical assistance to elderly survivors; it also represents an important acknowledgment of the losses suffered by Romanian Jews during this tragic period.

Many Jews in Romania during the war had their property seized as they were deported to ghettos or labor camps. More than 40,000 restitution claims, all of them filed no later than 2003, remain open today. Most of the claimants have spent their advanced years seeking justice and compensation, so far without results.

As an organization with a longstanding presence in Romania, B'nai B'rith feels it is essential that the claims of survivors and heirs of the Romanian Jewish community, which lost hundreds of thousands of individuals during the Holocaust, be satisfactorily addressed. We greatly appreciate your consideration in this crucial matter, and we look forward to remaining in communication on this and other issues of mutual concern in the near future.

Respectfully,

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President

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