Dear Judge Korman,

54 years passed after the end of the II World War. 6 million European Jews have been annihilated by Nazi infernal machine, including 1.7 million Jews in Ukraine. Not much survivors of the Holocaust still alive. 4,100 survivors live in Ukraine. These people are mainly aged and ill. They drag out a miserable existence. Average size of their pensions is 15 - 20 US$ per month.

Survivors of the Holocaust have been cared about since 1949 in the Western countries. They have been paid pensions, compensations. People have been taken compassion up and have been lavished care upon them. Survivors of the Holocaust are forgotten in Eastern Europe and especially in CIS countries.

Number of survivors of the Holocaust has been thinned out catastrophically. Only now society is conscience-stricken and going to reward the survivors of the Holocaust according to their deserts. But is it true in full measure?

Different intermediates and “defenders” tries to join immediately welfare funds that are organised for Jews ghetto and concentration camps survivors. Unfortunately these people have their own mercantile interests. They get all allocated monies for the survivors of the Holocaust under their management and distribute them very slowly. It looks like that these people wait when more pretenders for monies pass away.
we press for termination of such policy. All allocated monies for survivors have to be directed to organisations representing survivors through World Representation Committee where every country will have its own representative who is survivor of the Holocaust. Ukrainian Association of Jews ghetto and concentration camps survivors represents interests of the survivors of the Holocaust in Ukraine. It has representatives in Kiev, Odessa and Vinnytsa. The main part of Nazi victims is concentrated in these regions.

We were shot and tortured, we lost our relatives. Most of us have undermined health. We lost our houses and apartments, belongings. There are a lot of intelligent people among us: teachers, doctors, engineers, competent people that can represent and defend survivors’ of the Holocaust interests.

Therefore all allocated to Nazi victims monies shall be directed to the mentioned above Ukrainian Association. Only victims and survivors can secure transparency of all process of monies allocation and distribution.

We hope that our position and ideas will be taken into consideration and we rely on your understanding.

Respectfully,

Igor Koghan
Co-chairman of Ukrainian Association of Jews ghetto and concentration camps survivors