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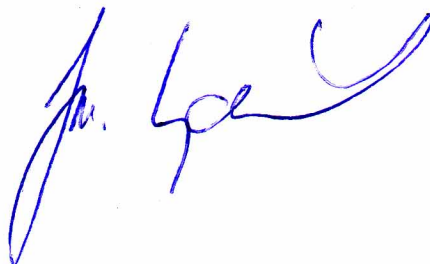
Dear Mr. Tenenbaum,

I would like to confirm with thanks the receipt of your letter dated July 9, 2009 in which you mentioned the current Norwegian Chairmanship of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research. Slovakia is aware about recent positive steps and responsible approach of Norway in promotion of ITF goals and preserving the memory of the Holocaust for future generations.

At the same time I took note of your critical remarks related to the birth anniversary celebration of the Norwegian writer Knut Hamsun. I think it is always important and natural to see a debate on some critical aspects of the past historical development in any country as well as their citizens. I believe that 26 ITF member nations is a strong and experienced organization to address this matter in responsible and comprehensive way.

I take this opportunity to assure you that Slovakia in close cooperation with other ITF member countries is paying necessary attention to the issue raised in your letter and is fully committed to contribute in the fields of further Holocaust education as well as in the area of fighting xenophobia, racism and intolerance.

Yours sincerely



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