

COMMENT

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Amicale des Deportes d'Auschwitz
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France

Your Honor, Judge Korman,

We have learned that you have decided to compensate Holocaust victims who would have worked for companies with Swiss interests.

Our Association, which includes 474 deportees to Auschwitz, and more than 400 heirs of victims of the Shoah, is the most important association of deportees in Europe.

We ask for

1) recognition of our Association's status as a privileged representative to act in the name of its members, who are Holocaust victims.

2) your attention towards the fact that deportees to Auschwitz and Birkenau, were spread out as well in 47 Satellite Camps. They were put to forced labor in various companies, including, IG Farben Industrie, Union-Werke, Baerle, Holzman, and many more. These companies probably meet the criteria you have selected for possible compensation.

Our specific request is that you take into account the deportees of Auschwitz who worked in building transportation infrastructure for example. It is indeed impossible to disassociate the fate of a deportee who worked in a factory from that of one who worked in building roads, annexes to these factories, or camps that were used to hold these prisoners.

We would like to send you, if you would judge this necessary, a list of the deportees and of their heirs or any other relevant information that could help you achieve your mission.

Sincerely yours,

Raphael Esrail
General Secretary

PS: Enclosed is a second original copy to be kindly delivered to His Honor.