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Answer given by Mr Brunner
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation Nazi death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau by hosting the Holocaust Remembrance Conference: Remembering the past. Shaping the future, in partnership with the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU, on 21 January 2025.

This is a key deliverable under the EU Strategy on Combating Antisemitism and fostering Jewish life. The Holocaust Remembrance Conference aimed at honouring the victims of the Shoah and their memory. On 21 January 2025, the Commission organised the conference in partnership with the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU. The testimony of a survivor of Ravensbrück and Bergen-Belsen was centre stage, together with young Europeans reading poems and letters of victims.

The Commission seeks to ensure a balanced representation in the events it is organising. The organisations invited are engaged in the fight against antisemitism and in countering Holocaust distortion. In this case, it declined the request of European Jews for Palestine (EJP) to be a partner organisation given that the information provided by the organisation in their letters and Transparency Register¹ did not show how their mission and expertise would support the objectives of the conference.

The EJP was invited to participate in the Holocaust Remembrance conference online, as it was livestreamed.

Contrary to the Honourable Member's query, Google was not invited to the event.

¹ https://transparency-register.europa.eu/search-register-or-update/organisation-detail_en?id=640759493817-74.