

**Speech of Mr. László Teleki at the exhibit entitled “Pharrajimos:  
Holocaust of the Roma People” at the Permanent Mission of Hungary to  
the UN**

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This exhibition in New York on the Roma Holocaust is titled „The Last Cry”. The people on these photos could not do anything else at that time than cry out for defense. At the same time, this was their outcry of fear from death, as well as their cry against Nazism and World War Two.

They had been crying for to be saved. They had been crying to the world and to the great powers in Europe and overseas not to allow our children and parents to be killed by the mad dictator, Adolf Hitler, who killed simply to ensure the totalitarianism of the Nazis, and to extinguish religions and ethnic minorities for their claim for “pure race”.

The last cries of the death camps send the loud and clear message to our generations that antisemitism must never be tolerated, and those who think they are supreme to others are indeed sick, homophobes and racists.

We must learn from the cries of the past and from the tragedy of Holocaust. We must not tolerate the ideas of new Nazism and social exclusion, but they still exist today.

We, who are here today at this exhibition remembering the Roma Holocaust, we must symbolically cry out loud against any form of racism and social exclusion, and we also must do our utmost not to allow history to repeat itself.

Dear Guests,

We wish that the Jewish and Roma victims of the terrors of World War Two rest in peace, among them the Roma relatives from Hungary of Mr. János Horváth who is here with us today, as well as the relatives of mine.

I also wish that viewing this exhibition will bring positive lessons in order to cooperate more effectively in the future against social exclusion and racism.

To conclude, I would like express my gratitude to Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, His Excellency Péter Szijjártó, who graciously accepted to be the Patron of this exhibition, and also to Ambassador Katalin Bogay and her colleagues for their support to realize this event.

Thank you for your kind attention.