The APPG on the Prevention of Genocide has the pleasure of inviting you to the following event

A Holocaust Memorial for the Future
“A memorial unresponsive to the future would violate the memory of the past” (Elie Wiesel)

22 January 2018, 5–6pm - Westminster Palace, CR 10
Please use Cromwell Green Visitor’s Entrance and arrive 10-15 mins early to allow for security and finding the room

Chair: Alison McGovern MP

Statement by Amber Rudd MP, Home Secretary

Remarks by Lord Dubs and Tom Tugendhat MBE MP, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee

Briefing by Sir Peter Bazalgette, Chair of UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation (UKHMF)

Short Film Featuring Survivors’ Views on Prevention

Holocaust Survivors Speak

Philippe Sands QC and Civil Society working on Atrocity Prevention Speak

Remembering is necessary and fundamental, but it is not enough

The new Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre to be built next to Westminster Palace may not be located in a place that speaks of the Holocaust. However, situated next to Parliament is an important commitment to remembering, learning and preventing a reoccurrence of the Holocaust.

Above all else, the UK Holocaust Memorial & Learning Centre must do justice to the Holocaust, setting in stone clear facts about its definition, the fullness of its gravity and horror, who the victims were and who was responsible. Ensuring that the legacy of the Holocaust is upheld for future generations, and improving people’s knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust are fundamental to the project.

Taking a stand and taking action speaks to the core of Elie Wiesel’s vision: “I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides.” As such, it is difficult to envisage a Holocaust Memorial next to Westminster that has no voice and is unable to speak out and take a stand when timely action to prevent atrocities and protect civilians is necessary. Inspired by the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and its Genocide Prevention Centre, it is proposed that a UK Atrocity Prevention Centre be envisaged as part of the new Holocaust Memorial. Elie Wiesel’s statement that “There is much to be done, there is much that can be done” continues to be relevant.

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