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Dear Mr President,

The Council of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes stated on their second meeting on January 22, 2014 that the resolution of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience about the suspension of the Institute's membership in the Platform of European Memory and Conscience is in breach of the statutes of the Platform. The Council also points out that it is not possible to force the Institute to breach the valid legislation of the Czech Republic.

For this reason, the Council of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes asks the Platform of European Memory and Conscience to provide Institute with the minutes of the meeting of the Council of Members, on which the resolution about the alleged suspension of the Institute's membership was ratified, and, in case that such a resolution exists, to revoke it by February 15, 2014. In case that this does not happen, the Council of the Institute for the Study of the Totalitarian Regimes assigns to the representation of the Institute to terminate the membership in the Platform of European Memory and Conscience.

At the same time, the Council of the Study of Totalitarian Regimes urges to send this letter to all members of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience.

Yours sincerely

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