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H.E. Mr. Boris Tadić
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Dear Mr. President,

We take the liberty of writing to you on a matter of grave concern.

We were dismayed to learn that a rally planned by the "Nacionalni Stroj" organization and scheduled to be held in Novi Sad on October 7 next has been given official permission to proceed. The extremist views and neo-Nazi activities of "Nacionalni Stroj" are well known, and certainly not in line with the principles of a democratic society which has at its core the respect and protection of its minorities.

We, as the representative organization of the Jewish communities world-wide, are very sensitive to the current phenomenon of growing anti-Semitism, racism and xenophobia in many regions throughout the world. The forces behind this worrying trend must not be given any room to spread their dangerous and hateful ideas.

We call upon you to join with others in condemnation of this proposed march, and to take whatever actions are necessary to ensure that "Nacionalni Stroj" does not continue its repugnant incitement.

With deepest respect, we remain

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Aleksandar Necak, President of the Federation of Jewish
Communities in Serbia