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The Rising Tide of Neo-Nazism

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On December 20, 2012 the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 67/154 on “The Inadmissibility of the Glorification of Nazism.”

The full title of the resolution is: “Glorification of Nazism: inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.”

The resolution was sponsored by the Russian Federation and co-sponsored by at least 35 other countries, including Iran , Syria , Israel the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea , Pakistan and Cuba . The resolution was originally introduced in 2005. This year there is a grotesque development in attempts to “normalize” or popularize Nazism, in the form of Estonian advertisements for Nazi atrocities, that are almost impossible to comprehend, or explain.

The resolution:

“Expresses deep concern about the glorification of the Nazi movement and former members of the Waffen SS organization, including by erecting monuments and memorials and holding public demonstrations in the name of the glorification of the Nazi past, the Nazi movement and neo-Nazism, as well as by declaring or attempting to declare such members and those who fought against the anti-Hitler coalition and collaborated with the Nazi movement participants in national liberation movements.”

“Expresses concern at recurring attempts to desecrate or demolish monuments erected in remembrance of those who fought against Nazism during the Second World War, as well as to unlawfully exhume or remove the remains of such persons, and in this regard urges states to fully comply with their relevant obligations, inter alia, under Article 34 of Additional Protocol 1 to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.”

“Expresses deep concern at attempts of commercial advertising aimed at exploiting the sufferings of the victims of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the Second World War by the Nazi regime.”

The commercial advertisements to which this section refers are almost impossible to reconcile with any sane comprehension of history.

One advertisement announces that “Dr. Mengele’s diet pills are so effective that people consuming these pills can be assured of losing so much weight that they will be as emaciated as victims of Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald .”