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Dear Ms Clila Bau, dear Ms Hadasa Bau,

I wish to thank you for sending me the publication entitled *Dear God, Have You Ever Gone Hungry? Memoirs by Joseph Bau*, and to express my appreciation for your kind words on UNESCO's work to promote education on and remembrance of, the Holocaust.

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you for this new edition of Mr Bau's memoirs, which depict so vividly the suffering of the Jewish people during the Holocaust, and with such a profoundly human, touching and humble manner.

UNESCO's work in the field of Holocaust education is guided by the deep concern that the memory of those who perished at the hands of Nazi Germany and its collaborators do not recede in time but, on the contrary, serves to prompt younger generations to engage against racism, antisemitism and all other forms of prejudice that may lead to group-targeted violence.

I believe strongly that Holocaust education can help inculcate young people with the values and skills that they need to defend and promote human rights and peace. It is the reason why I have always sought to ensure that UNESCO increases its presence in the field, reaching out to education stakeholders from all regions of the world, so as to make sure that policy-makers, regardless of where they live and who they are, understand why it is so important that we continue to teach about the Holocaust today.

With my renewed thanks and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Irina Bokova