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dear Honorable Members of the Committee,
Greetings and respectful regards.

We respectfully write to express our profound concern regarding ongoing discussions and proposals relating to the Historic Shnipishok Jewish Cemetery in Vilna.

The Jewish world is deeply disturbed by the very fact that activities, deliberations, or proposals concerning the use, development, or future of this sacred cemetery site continue to be considered. This ancient burial ground remains the resting place of thousands of Jews and is regarded as holy by Jewish communities throughout the world.

As we work daily with vast collections of historical documents, records, testimonies, and memories of Lithuanian Jewish life, we are continually reminded of the immense spiritual, historical, and human significance of this sacred place. It is therefore deeply painful and difficult to comprehend that any form of intervention, development, construction, or other activity affecting this cemetery could still be under discussion.

The Historic Shnipishok Jewish Cemetery in Vilna is not merely a historical landmark. It is a sacred resting place, a witness to centuries of Jewish life in Lithuania, and an irreplaceable part of the heritage of the Jewish people. The dignity of the deceased and the sanctity of burial grounds are universal values deserving of the highest respect and protection.

We respectfully and urgently appeal to the Committee to ensure the complete and permanent protection of this sacred cemetery and to reject any proposal, initiative, activity, or action that could compromise its sanctity, dignity, integrity, or the eternal rest of those buried there.

We trust that the Committee will act with wisdom, sensitivity, and a deep sense of historical responsibility.

Respectfully,

Members of the Board of Directors

Moshe Shalom Malachi
Chairman of the Board of Directors