



Statement

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The French Association Buchenwald, Dora and Kommandos was founded in the early summer of 1945 by survivors and by families of missing persons from the camps of Buchenwald and Dora.

It has never ceased to defend the memory of the Deportation and the values contained in the Buchenwald Oath. In particular, it has always spoken out against the resurgence of the extreme right, manifestations of racism and anti-Semitism, anti-Gypsism and denialist and relativist rhetoric.

In this respect, the Association Française Buchenwald, Dora et Kommandos expresses its deep concern about the forthcoming municipal elections in Nordhausen, Thuringia, where the polls predict a high score for the AfD candidate.

Nordhausen is one of the emblematic sites of Nazi crimes and its memory must be fully preserved and defended. The AfD has sadly distinguished itself by its positions, which are the opposite of those held by our Association, and its harmful political action must be fought within the democratic framework.

The Association Française Buchenwald, Dora et Kommandos reiterates its full support for the work of the institutions in Germany that preserve the history and memory of those deported to the Nazi camps, starting with the Foundation of the Memorials of Buchenwald and Mittelbau-Dora.

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