

# Resolution JYA23-C4 Interfaith Dialogue

The global Jewish youth, represented at the Jewish Youth Assembly,

**Calling** for a general dialogue and friendship between all religions,

**Recalling** the historical strife between various religious groups, which has led to violence and hatred, which the Jewish people are most aware of,

**Bearing in mind** that when religions no longer have open dialogue and conversation, there is a ripple effect towards populations across the globe, which can create tension and violence,

**Noting** that not all members of different religious groups have a broad understanding of others, and are not willing to take steps to bridge such a gap in knowledge,

**Guided** by a hope that present leaders and future generations will have the tools and bravery to eradicate all forms of discrimination by working with other religions; and creating a global community which does not shun members of any religious creed,

**Having reviewed** the multitude of religious beliefs, and the history of religious intolerance going back to the creation of the Abrahamic religions, we are encouraged to find our similarities,

1. **Recognizes** that the differences in practices between religions are sacred and deserve to be protected above all else; they are part of what defines humanity,
2. **Stresses** the right to freedom of religious expression, whether this be through external clothing like hijab or kippot; or through moments of prayer and blessings throughout the day as according to article 18 of the Declaration of Human Rights,
3. **Expresses its appreciation for** the outreach of other religious groups for interfaith dialogue. It is not the responsibility of the minority, but all religions to spearhead greater peace between communities,
4. **Applauds** the efforts including the: Abrahamic Houses of the United Arab Emirates, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, the 9th World Assembly of Religions for Peace, and the European Council of Religious Leaders,

5. **Encourages** all communities to partake in such dialogues and create like minded programs which encourage the creation of dialogue between various religions,

6. **Promotes** all resolutions previously made by the World Jewish Congress in support of greater peace between religions across the world including: Resolution GB 1905 - 5, Resolution PA 2105 - 1, Resolution PA 2105 - 2, and GB1008-7 Shechita.