Resolution EC 2205 - 3
Welcoming EU Strategies against Jew Hatred

The Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress, meeting in Prague on 9 May 2022,

NOTES WITH GREAT CONCERN that antisemitism continues to surge across Europe;

FURTHER NOTES that the European Union member states’ commitment to fighting the world’s oldest hatred is more crucial than ever;

WELCOMES the newly adopted European Union strategy against antisemitism – published on 5 October 2021;

EMPHASIZES that the strategy makes combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life as a priority of the EU and delineates three major approaches, each including several core actions: preventing and combating all forms of antisemitism; protecting and fostering Jewish life in the EU; and education, research and Holocaust remembrance;

WELCOMES FURTHER the adoption by the Council of the European Union’s adoption of measures (known officially as “Conclusions” of March 2022) to combat racism and antisemitism and further welcomes its recommendation to Member States to develop national strategies as outlined in the European Union strategy;

APPLAUDS the governments of Austria, Denmark, Italy, Norway and Romania for adopting and implementing separate and comprehensive individual national strategies to combat antisemitism;

EXPRESSES appreciation to those countries which have created combined strategies which act to combat antisemitism alongside other forms of racism and discrimination, while urging that each of these prejudices are treated separately and distinctly;

URGES those EU members, European states and countries worldwide which have not yet adopted such strategies to do so;

COMMENDS the Swedish government for organizing the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism, during which many nations made concrete pledges to strengthen Holocaust remembrance efforts and to combat antisemitism;

URGES all those countries which made such pledges to prioritize their implementation and to measure outcomes so as to properly continue work in this area.

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CALLS UPON all governments everywhere to foster Jewish life and support a strong and positive Jewish identity while guaranteeing the fundamental right of all humanity, including Jews, to practice their religion freely, consistent with the 2020 EU Council Declaration previously referenced.