Resolution EC 2405 – 2
Resolution on the Establishment of a WJC Task Force to Combat Antisemitism

The Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress, meeting in Jerusalem, Israel, 23 May 2024,

RECORDS that the WJC is meeting for the first time in Israel since 7 October 2023 - that day of infamy, when Hamas perpetrated barbaric attacks on Israel’s sovereignty its citizens - men, women, children and infants, in a spree of murder, rape and other savagery on a scale and scope not experienced in a single day since the Shoah. 1,200 innocents were killed, scores of thousands of others will be traumatized for generations and many survivors of the Nova Music Festival have since taken their own lives. In further war crimes committed by Hamas, 240 hostages were abductd into Gaza and 133 remain there, with many of those possibly having been murdered – no one knows and Hamas in an added barbaric twist refuses to say.

NOTES WITH PROFOUND ALARM AND CONCERN that since October 7, the Jewish world has experienced an outpouring of antisemitism in words, images and deeds in the media, on social media, on campuses, in businesses, in everyday life and on the streets, to an extent and with a virulence also unknown since the Shoah.

ACKNOWLDEGES that the resulting threat to the way of life and well-being of Jews throughout the diaspora and by extension in Israel itself is both palpable and extreme and requires urgent and coordinated responses.

COMMENDS Jewish communities and institutions worldwide for their resilience and their steadfast and resolute efforts since October 7th, in addressing the phenomenon of virulent widespread and unceasing antisemitism in every sector of society.

RESOLVES TO ESTABLISH a "Task Force on Responses to Antisemitism” to examine, monitor, assess, recommend, assist and co-ordinate responses to antisemitism amongst the affiliated communities, organizations and regions of the WJC, with a view, so far as practicable, to ensuring the establishment and operation of a clearing house of plans, strategies and actions to assist communities with best practice ideas and, where appropriate, coordination, at this time of unprecedented challenge.

ACCORDINGLY RESOLVES to delegate to the Co-Chair of the Policy Council in consultation with the President, the Treasurer, the Commissioner for Combatting Antisemitism, the Executive Vice President, and the Head of Combating Antisemitism, Intelligence & Security, the responsibility to make recommendations to the Steering Committee, as to individuals to be invited to serve on the Task Force and the scope of its operations, in line with the Terms of
Reference set out below and to report to the Executive Committee thereon as a matter of urgency, as soon as practicable.

Terms of Reference

1. The Taskforce will canvass the WJC’s member organizations, WJC regional bodies and other relevant bodies, to examine the extent of initiatives, activities and best practices adopted to combat the unprecedented growth of antisemitism in all its manifestations since October 7, in order to formulate its recommendations for activities, programs and assistance to member organizations;

2. The Taskforce will consider and make recommendations to the Steering Committee on effective strategies and activities that can be adopted by member communities in combatting antisemitism, including through:
   a. Advocating for the adoption and full implementation of the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, alongside the appointment of Special Envoys and National Coordinators dedicated to combating antisemitism, as well as urging countries to adopt and implement National Strategies aimed at addressing and eradicating antisemitism;
   b. Supporting efforts to compile and standardize consistent statistics and other data;
   c. Sharing those education programs which have been found to be most effective in combatting antisemitism in primary and secondary schools;
   d. Making Shoah education programs available in the context of anti-racism and antisemitism in liaison with the Claims Conference;
   e. Working with Jewish academics and students on College and University campuses;
   f. Working with parliamentarians, lawyers and other professional groups;
   g. Promoting and sharing existing and proposed anti-vilification and anti-hate speech legislation and litigation activities;
   h. Maximizing engagement with all forms of media; and
   i. Increasing and refining social media messaging;

3. The WJC will provide appropriately skilled and qualified staff, to assist the Taskforce in achieving its objectives.