Holocaust Remembrance Resolution

Resolution JYA 2022 – 3

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the first annual Jewish Youth Assembly,

ALARMED by the antisemitic claims and “jokes” young children make about the Holocaust, and the influence it can have on future generations;

GUIDED BY the OSCE’s report “Addressing Holocaust denial, distortion and trivialization,” stating that Holocaust trivialization is tantamount to antisemitism;

CONDEMNS any irrational comparisons of a trivializing nature to the Holocaust or any genocide, especially with the recent trend of comparing Covid measures with laws that deprived Jews of human rights during the Second World War, such as anti-vax protests featuring yellow stars of David. This belittles the experience of the survivors;

APPRECIATING United Nations Resolution A/76/L.30 regarding the need to tackle Holocaust denial;

REGRETFULLY RECALLING United Nations resolution 3379, which determined Zionism as a fundamentally racist ideology and a form of racial discrimination. The hosting of the Durban Conference promoted antisemitism and Holocaust denial;

EXPRESSING SATISFACTION for the repeal of United Nations resolution 3379 through United Nations Resolution 46/86;

ACKNOWLEDGES that antisemitic behavior is gaining more and more influence over young populations worldwide, including denial of the Holocaust, which is still a burden to our Jewish communities despite preventative measures some countries are taking. The education system is failing to teach about the Holocaust internationally, which results in massive ignorance;

ENDORSES countries that have passed laws officially banning antisemitism
including denying the mass extermination of Jews during the Holocaust, which was recognized by Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and the United States in making Holocaust denial illegal;

CALLS UPON international governments and legal institutions to safeguard the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and uphold the principle and pledge by states to ‘never again’ countenance the atrocities of the Holocaust;

URGES countries to take action and condemn Holocaust deniers, particularly in countries where it took place, and to include the topic of the holocaust in history classes, and promote actions to reduce the number of holocaust deniers and antisemitic incidents;

ENCOURAGES Jews, and especially Jewish students, to spread Holocaust awareness worldwide, including to peers, communities, and non-Jewish contacts in order to prevent future genocide of any ethnic minority;

ENCOURAGE the promotion of joint research regarding the causes and characteristics of genocides and ethnocides;

RECOGNIZES modern genocide being conducted due to Holocaust denial, lack of resistance against dictatorships from other world leaders.

APPLAUDS the establishment of an International Holocaust Remembrance Day as well as the observance of this day of remembrance by many countries and the ceremonies that are sometimes entailed.

Approved by the 1st WJC Jewish Youth Assembly, 27 February 2022