

Resolution PA2505 – 09

Anti-Israel Rhetoric and Antisemitism in Latin America

The 17th Plenary Assembly of the World Jewish Congress, meeting in Jerusalem on 18 – 20 May 2025

NOTES WITH PROFOUND CONCERN that the steep rise in antisemitism is a dangerously disturbing global trend, with an increasing frequency of violent attacks and inflammatory rhetoric directed at Jewish communities worldwide, and to this extent;

NOTES WITH DEEP CONCERN the steep rise of global antisemitism is manifest also in Latin America, a region where this phenomenon has traditionally been low, with few violent incidents targeting Jewish communities and institutions;

RECALLS resolutions GB 1811 – 2 on the Condemnation of the Upsurge of Violent Antisemitism Around the World, GB 1905 – 6 on The Need for International Organizations to Prioritize the Fight Against Antisemitism, EC 2205 – 5 on Welcoming the Organization of American States' Appointment of an Antisemitism Commissioner and EC 2405 – 2 on the Establishment of a WJC Task Force to Combat Antisemitism in the aftermath of October 7th;

EXPRESSES DISMAY at the hostile stance toward Israel adopted by some Latin American countries, which has included aggressive rhetoric accusing Israel of genocide and, in certain cases, recalling ambassadors from Israel. Of particular concern is the Republic of Colombia, a former close ally of Israel, which has severed diplomatic ties with the Jewish state without condemning the October 7th Hamas massacre;

REJECTS the actions of some Latin American countries that have joined South Africa in making baseless accusations of "genocide" against Israel before the International Court of Justice;

APPLAUDS the principled stance taken by some Latin American countries in support of Israel and their Jewish communities;

EXPRESSES ALARM that the imbalanced stance taken by some Latin American governments, coupled with the use of inflammatory rhetoric, will contribute to growing antisemitism within their own societies, targeting Jewish communities;

STRONGLY CONDEMNS the use of the term "genocide" in reference to Israel's self-defense against Hamas, as well as the spurious comparisons of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp to Gaza and the equating of the Israeli government with the Nazis. These dangerous comparisons are regularly made by certain heads of state, senior government officials, the media, and politicians across Latin America;

COMMENDS the creation of special envoy positions to combat antisemitism in several countries within the region, particularly the initiative by the Organization of American States in 2021, and calls on other countries to establish similar positions;

EMPHASIZES that the Latin American Jewish Congress, together with the World Jewish Congress, will continue to monitor the rise of antisemitism across the region, and globally, and will take all necessary measures to combat this scourge.

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