

Resolution PA2505 – 02

Affirming Zionism as Integral to Jewish Identity

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RECOGNIZES that Zionism is the moral and historic right of the Jewish people to exercise their national self-determination in their ancestral homeland, affirming the unbroken 3,000-year connection with the land, including more than 1,000 years of independent Jewish led civilization. Zionism is central to Jewish identity and practice, and is anchored in Jewish prayer, traditions and religious festivals;

REAFFIRMS the steadfast and unwavering support of the World Jewish Congress: for the centrality of Zionism to Jewish identity; and for the State of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people;

ASSERTS that the establishment of the modern State of Israel in 1948 restored Jewish national sovereignty in their homeland fulfilling a millennia-long aspiration, a realization of the ingathering of the exiles, and the reiteration of the fundamental democratic values encapsulated in the Declaration of Independence;

EMPHASIZES that denying the Jewish people's right to self-determination and/or rejecting their historical connection to the land, and/or the targeting of the State of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity, is recognized as antisemitism;

NOTES that there is a clear distinction between legitimate criticism of an Israeli government on the one hand and efforts to undermine or deny the legitimacy of the Jewish state on the other, the latter constituting antisemitism;

REJECTS the mischaracterization of Zionism as colonialism or imperialism, recognizing that such claims are ahistorical, false, and distort the historical and legal foundations of the Jewish state;

ACKNOWLEDGES with immense pride and admiration, the extraordinary achievements of the State of Israel and its people, including its groundbreaking contributions to technology, medicine, agriculture, and humanitarian aid, and recognizes that its innovations have greatly benefited humanity;

REITERATES that support for Zionism and the State of Israel goes hand in hand with the importance of having strong and vibrant Jewish communities in the Diaspora all of which are essential for Jewish continuity and whose contributions are integral to the fabric of their respective countries;

RECOGNIZES AND COMMENDS the work of those Jewish and particularly non-Jewish organizations who have shown moral clarity and stood with Israel during its war of self-defense;

CALLS ON educational establishments to incorporate the study of Zionism, Holocaust, and the Jewish people into their curricula;

ENCOURAGES Jewish communities, organizations, and Jewish youth movements to further enhance their efforts in integrating Zionism into their general educational and cultural programs, prioritizing leadership development, and equipping young Jewish leaders with the tools and knowledge to counter misinformation, advocate for Zionism and the State of Israel, and ensure the continuity of Jewish peoplehood with confidence, clarity, and historical accuracy.

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