

Resolution PA 2105 - 8
Resolution on Human Fraternity¹

THE 16th PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS,

CELEBRATES the keynote address delivered by World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome's event entitled *Human Fraternity: A Jewish Reflection for Common Coexistence*, in which President Lauder emphasized the importance of mutual respect and understanding among all human beings of all religions and reiterated his endorsement of the spirit and values outlined in the Abu Dhabi Declaration on Human Fraternity, heralding it as a "defining international document" that deserves the respect of world Jewry;

CELEBRATES FURTHER the United Nations General Assembly's decision to celebrate 4 February each year as the International Day of Human Fraternity as an occasion to promote interreligious and intercultural dialogue;

RECALLS that the Jewish people have been subject to oppression both individually and as a People from time immemorial and that our founding story, the Exodus, is one of liberation from oppression;

FURTHER RECALLS that sadly the Jewish people are no strangers to discrimination and know from bitter experience that silence in the face of injustice results in more and even greater injustice;

SUPPORTS societies that recognize pluralism and diversity as core values in relationships between people, and among peoples;

RECOGNIZES that the challenges faced by minorities, those who are different, and the vulnerable, serve to remind us of our common humanity;

STANDS IN SOLIDARITY with minority communities throughout the world in taking steps to reduce disparities among different groups in all areas, including but not limited to disparities in economic opportunity, access to justice, education, employment, housing, health care and political representation;

URGES investment in education for all young people which emphasizes inclusion and respect, nourishes understanding and compassion and fosters empathy in hopes of ensuring a brighter future for all and one that is free of all forms of discrimination, including antisemitism;

¹ The term "human fraternity" is the official term used by the United Nations and encompasses all human beings

AFFIRMS the commitment to the creation and deepening of programs and projects that promote coexistence and understanding among Jews, Christians, Muslims, and members of other faith communities throughout the world;

PLEDGES to uphold the values of human fraternity, to continue to foster unity and actively promote peace, justice, and equality for all and expects that the Jewish people throughout the world will receive the same respect, consideration and treatment as afforded to other peoples and ethnicities.

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