Contemporary Antisemitism B Resolution

Resolution JYA 2202 – 2

The Committee on Contemporary Antisemitism B of the first annual Jewish Youth Assembly is meeting due to the disturbing trends of increasing antisemitism, including a 27% increase of ideological and physical attacks on French Jews, and a 50% increase in the United Kingdom in the past year. This Committee recognizes the role of the international community in stopping, preventing, and educating against antisemitism,

URGES the international community to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s Working Definition of Antisemitism swiftly and universally, to be referenced by policymakers, companies, and individuals in cases of potential antisemitism;

AFFIRMS that denying the Jewish homeland is denying Jewish history;

UNDERSCORES increasing antisemitism on social media platforms and subsequently, calls upon social media services to enforce a strict policy regarding online hate that would add a specific reporting feature for antisemtic incidents as well as a department on antisemitism to go over these incidents. The department should include antisemitism experts, use statistical models to report trends monthly, and to institute fines if antisemitic content persists;

NOTES WITH GREAT CONCERN the social acceptance of antisemitism in academic and political institutions, shown through anti-Israel rhetoric and exclusion of Zionists in progressive spaces. This committee also notes with great concern increasing physical attacks on Jews around the world, not limited to assault and fatalities;

STRONGLY DEPLORES and calls to mind the 1975 UN Resolution #3379 that insidiously perpetrated the phrase “Zionism is racism” to Western audiences. The committee also deprecates all previous antisemitic resolutions and calls upon countries to re-examine resolutions with the IHRA definition of antisemitism in mind;

CALLS UPON Jewish communities and organizations, like the World Jewish Congress, to continue to release condemnations for antisemitic comments made by politicians and influential figures. This committee also calls upon other religious and ethnic minorities to stand with the Jewish community during these condemnations;

ENCOURAGES formal international support and action against the lack of Jewish knowledge and the spread of false information by enforcing country and age-specific educational policies from second grade through high school that cover: Holocaust education; the history of antisemitism in the country; meetings with influential local and
international Jews; speaking against physical and social Jewish stereotypes; the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; modern-day antisemitism; and Jewish customs (e.g., Kosher laws, holidays). This committee also encourages universities globally to implement similar material in their educational and graduation requirements.

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