Resolution EC 2405

Praising the 2024 Jewish Youth Assembly (JYA) Resolution

The Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress, meeting in Jerusalem, Israel on 23 May 2024,

RECALLS Resolution EC 2205 – 2, which voiced appreciation for the launch of the WJC Jewish Youth Assembly and stressed the importance of developing young Jewish leaders;

APPLAUDS the growth of the WJC Jewish Youth Assembly enabling selected Jewish high school students from all over the world to engage in meaningful discussions on the most pressing issues confronting the Jewish people;

COMMENDS the partnership between WJC NextGen and BBYO in elevating the next generation of Jewish leaders, both in high school and beyond;

RECOGNIZES the more than 60 students from 40 countries who gathered from 11 - 19 February 2024 for the first-ever in-person, and third annual, Jewish Youth Assembly (JYA) in Orlando, Florida on the sidelines of BBYO’s International Convention;

ACKNOWLEDGES AND APPLAUDS the adoption and content of the 2024 JYA resolution titled “Ensuring a Vibrant Jewish Future” which includes 5 subsections: Tackling New Forms of Antisemitism, Opposing Denial and Distortion of Jewish Trauma, Fostering Jewish Life in the Diaspora, Combatting Global Terror, and Strengthening Jewish Unity;

ENCOURAGES the continuing work of the WJC in identifying, engaging and empowering young Jewish leaders by providing them with the training, networks and tools to succeed in their advocacy in support of the Jewish people and Israel;

STRESSES the importance of promoting solidarity among Jewish youth in understanding and advocating for the State of Israel, combating antisemitism, preserving the memory of the Holocaust, and fostering a sense of pride and informed engagement within the Jewish community;

RECOGNIZES that NextGen initiatives and actions have expanded considerably since the October 7th terrorist attack and have had a pivotal role in safeguarding Jewish students on university campuses;

EXPRESSES GRATITUDE for the astuteness and wisdom exhibited by WJC President Ronald S. Lauder, in recognizing the necessity and the significant value of investing in the younger Jewish generation, those who will bear the responsibility of guiding our Jewish communities in the future;

PLEDGES to nominate two members of WJC NextGen to serve as members of the WJC Executive Committee.