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PLEDGE BY ARGENTINA

Argentina is strongly committed to various initiatives that have the fight against anti-semitism among their crucial objectives. This commitment will be maintained and strengthened through our active participation in these initiatives.

The strong commitment of Argentina in the fight against anti-semitism was demonstrated by the recent visit of President Alberto Fernández to Jerusalem in January this year, on the occasion of the celebration of the Holocaust Forum in commemoration of the 75 years of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp.

Moreover, our country is the only full member of the IHRA in the Latin American region. Within the framework of the commitments assumed in this organization, the National Government adopted the practical and legally non-binding definition of anti-semitism through Resolution 114/2020 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, in June 2020. As a consequence, more than thirty governmental entities from all over the country, including provincial and municipal instances, as well as courts, trade unions and universities have adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism. In this regard, the Argentine Government celebrates this wide dissemination and adoption of the aforementioned definition.

In addition, Argentina regularly takes part in events on anti-semitism organized jointly by States and international civil society members. In this sense, the Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocides is in charge of the Technical Secretariat of the Latin American Network for the Prevention of Genocides, and our country will assume the next November 16, 2020 the Presidency of the Global Action Against Mass Atrocity Crimes (GAAMAC), composed by States, academic institutions, NGOs and experts on these issues. Argentina, was indeed one of the founding countries of GAAMAC.

The fact that the Argentine Ambassador to the IHRA assumes the Presidency of GAAMAC on behalf of our country these days, and that both organizations are exchanging views on how to carry out joint actions in the fight against anti-semitism, makes clear that institutional synergies are being generated that will reinforce the agendas to combat anti-semitism and prevent mass atrocities. We will engage constructively in both initiatives to strengthen our efforts to combat anti-semitism.