

RESOLUTION GB 1811 - 7

Pittsburgh Attack

The Governing Board of the World Jewish Congress, meeting in Paris on 19 November 2018,

CONDEMNS in the strongest possible terms the tragic, brutal and senseless mass murder of seven Jewish civilians and four policemen by a white supremacist during Shabbat services at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on October 27, 2018;

AFFIRMS the devastation felt by the World Jewish Congress and its affiliated communities across the globe together with Jews throughout the world;

EXPRESSES our deep grief for the families of the innocent victims of this heinous and cowardly attack, and extend our condolences to their loved ones;

NOTES WITH GRAVE CONCERN that this was the most lethal attack on the Jewish community in the history of the United States;

COMMENDS local authorities for their quick response and compassionate attention;

EXPRESSES PROFOUND APPRECIATION for the strong solidarity shown by the President of the United States, US Congress, the people of Pittsburgh of all faiths, and communal and religious leaders and ordinary citizens throughout the US and internationally;

ACKNOWLEDGES the strong support expressed by the international community including UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres;

EMPHASIZES the need for all governments to take responsibility in providing Jewish communal institutions with resources and support, including with infrastructure, following the example of many governments in Europe and elsewhere, so as to be able to properly contend with threats to Jewish communities and minimize casualties in the event of an attack.

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