

Resolution PA2505 – 01

Unwavering Support for the State and People of Israel

The 17th Plenary Assembly of the World Jewish Congress, meeting in Jerusalem on 18 – 20 May 2025

RECALLS Resolutions EC 2310 – 1 and EC 2405, which unequivocally condemned Hamas for its brutal and barbaric October 7th terror attacks on Israel, affirmed unwavering support for the State of Israel, and underscored Israel's fundamental right to defend itself;

EXPRESSES deep gratitude, admiration and appreciation for the members of the Israel Defense Forces, the Israeli police, and Israeli first responders who have continued to display extraordinary courage in protecting the people of Israel over the past 19 months;

UNRESERVEDLY CONDEMNS the role played by Iran, and more specifically the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, in supporting Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, and other terrorist proxies in the region and globally, including through the provision of weapons, funding, and training;

CALLS UPON members of the international community, to the extent that they have not already done so, to proscribe each of Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as terrorist organizations;

NOTES that the ceasefire deal between Israel and Lebanon, which went into effect in November 2024, to the extent that it is honored by Hezbollah and Lebanon, is a vital step toward restoring a sense of security for those living in northern Israel;

ACKNOWLEDGES that in November 2023, during the temporary truce, 106 Israeli hostages were released from Hamas captivity, among them 81 Israeli women and children, a Russian-Israeli man, and 24 foreign nationals;

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES that as a result of the early-2025 ceasefire and hostage release deal, 25 additional hostages were returned to Israel, and the remains of 8 others murdered by Hamas in captivity;

DEPLORES, in the strongest possible terms, the grotesque, propaganda-filled, and macabre ceremonies orchestrated by Hamas immediately preceding each hostage transfer, which served only to further exploit the suffering of innocent individuals for the nefarious benefit of that sinister organization;

EXPRESSES grave concern that as of today, 19 May 2025, 58 hostages remain in Hamas captivity, subject to inhumane treatment, without the support of any international agencies, and counter to international law;

REITERATES its position on the urgency of securing the unconditional release of all hostages held by Hamas, as well as the remains of those who have been killed by

the terrorists, and stresses that this issue remains central to the security and well-being of Israel and the Jewish people;

CALLS on the international community to ensure that the hostages remain on the international agenda and to use all possible means to bring them home;

RECOGNIZES that Israel must negotiate from a position of strength in order that the price paid for the necessary release of the hostages not lead to many more Israeli deaths.

Adopted by the 17th Plenary Assembly of the World Jewish Congress, Jerusalem, 19 May 2025.