

## **Resolution EC 170910 -5**

### **Brit Mila**

**The Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress, meeting in London on September 11, 2017,**

**NOTES** that circumcision [Brit Milah] of eight-day-old Jewish males is a three- thousand-year-old fundamental tenet of Jewish life, through which the child is recognized as having entered into the ancient covenant of his people with G-d;

**NOTES WITH CONCERN** that recently, an increasing number of European governments and parliaments have introduced legislation and regulations limiting practices such as non-medical male circumcision, which is performed by Muslims and Jews;

**STRESSES that** all proposals to ban Brit Milah are unacceptable and constitute an infringement on the basic human right of freedom of religion and belief;

**ENCOURAGES** the creation of interfaith advocacy coalitions to combat ignorance, intolerance, and discrimination, as exemplified by the July 2017 summit in Amsterdam for European Jews, Muslims, and anti-racism activists, organized by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), on topics including the nonmedical circumcision of male minors.

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