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The Threat of Iran

The Governing Board of the World Jewish Congress, meeting in Ottawa on 15 May 2019,

NOTES WITH GRAVE CONCERN the threat posed by Iran as a state sponsor of international terrorism, its quest to become a nuclear power and the destabilizing role Iran is playing in the Middle East in its bid to gain hegemony over the region, including but not limited to its involvement in Lebanon, Gaza, Syria, Iraq and Yemen, both directly, and through its proxies such as Hezbollah, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad, among others;

PRAISES the recent decision by the United States to designate Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization;

SUPPORTS WITH ENTHUSIASM the continued efforts on the part of the United States to apply sanctions on the Iranian regime, and supports the elimination of related waivers;

CALLS ON the remaining signatories to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), as well as other nations, to amend or supplement the agreement to remove the expiration clauses, prohibit the continued development of Iran's ballistic missile technology, and disrupt Iran's global sponsorship of terror, or alternatively, to fully reintroduce and deepen sanctions as an effective means of reducing Iran's military capabilities and terrorist intentions;

IS APPALLED by Iran's total disregard for democratic freedoms and the fundamental rights of its citizens, including its abhorrent treatment of minorities;

STRONGLY CONDEMNS the repeated incitement against Israel coming from the top echelons of the Iranian regime, most often calling for the annihilation of the State of Israel and distorting or denying the memory of the Holocaust;

CALLS ON the international community to designate Hezbollah in its entirety, as well as Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' as terrorist organizations;

CALLS ON the international community to recognize the existential threat Iran poses to Israel and to the West and the danger the Iranian regime poses to international and regional stability;

CALLS ON the international community to take effective measures to curtail the illicit actions committed by the Iranian regime in its sponsorship of international terrorism, in its hegemonic, expansionist and nuclear ambitions, and its rampant human rights abuses.