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Israel-Diaspora Relations

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

RECOGNIZES the deep and unwavering solidarity of the Jewish people worldwide with the State of Israel particularly in the wake of the heinous and barbaric terrorist attacks perpetrated by Hamas on October 7, 2023;

ACKNOWLEDGES the escalating challenges faced by Jewish communities worldwide, with antisemitism reaching alarming levels, creating a climate of hostility towards and apprehension amongst Jews;

RECOGNIZES the ongoing threat of assimilation and demographic decline facing Jewish communities in the Diaspora, particularly in Europe, where many small Jewish communities are at risk of disappearing within the next several decades;

RECOGNIZES the intrinsic connection between the State of Israel and the Jewish Diaspora, that our collective fate is intertwined, and that together we must confront the growing external and internal threats facing Jewish communities worldwide;

NOTES that developments in Israel have a direct impact on the safety, wellbeing, and societal standing of Jewish communities in the Diaspora and in some cases such developments may unintentionally adversely affect relations with, and the position of, local Jewish communities;

EMPHASIZES the need for the strongest possible cooperation between the government of Israel and the official representative bodies of Jewish communities in the Diaspora to combat antisemitism, strengthen Jewish life, and ensure communities remain resilient and protected. Such cooperation must be sensitive to local contexts and the potential impact of political and diplomatic actions on Jewish communities;

ACKNOWLEDGES the WJC as the representative body of the global Jewish community, that provides a bridge between Israel and Jewish communities worldwide, and as the diplomatic arm of world Jewry interacts with governments, leaders, and civil society to build strong defenses against hate and extremism and promote the wellbeing and security of Israel;

CALLS FOR Israeli government and other officials to actively engage with local Jewish communities and their representative bodies in a spirit of partnership and mutual respect, listening to their insights and needs rather than implementing top-down initiatives solely through embassies or external emissaries and taking the care to ensure that any interventions do not adversely affect the position of the local Jewish community. Taking such steps will foster more effective collaboration, enhance trust, and ensure that policies and programs are responsive to the unique realities and needs of each community.

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