

RESOLUTION GB 1811 – 6

Renewed Escalation of Violence along the Israeli-Gaza Border

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

NOTES WITH GRAVE CONCERN the renewed escalation of violence on Israel's border with the Gaza Strip during 2018, including the violence associated with the "Great March of Return", the devastation caused by incendiary devices attached to kites and balloons and most recently, the launching by terrorists of more than 400 rockets at southern Israel within 48 hours, deliberately and reprehensibly targeting Israeli civilians;

EMPHASIZES that Hamas is directly responsible for all the violence emanating out of the Gaza Strip;

EMPHASIZES that Hamas' charter continues to call for the obliteration of the State of Israel, and Jihad against Israeli civilians;

CALLS ON the international community to recognize the significant threat that Hamas poses to the security of Israel and its population, and the fundamental obligation of Israel, as with any country faced with a similar threat, to take all necessary measures to defend and protect its citizens;

CALLS ON all governments and the international community to forcefully condemn the actions of Hamas, demand that it ceases its attacks against Israel, and designate Hamas as a terrorist organization;

AND FURTHER CALLS ON the United Nations, specifically, in all of its bodies and affiliated agencies, including the Security Council, the Human Rights Council and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), to designate Hamas as a terrorist organization that bears full responsibility for instigating the violence along the Israel-Gaza border, and to issue clear and decisive statements condemning Hamas.

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