

Resolution PA 2105 - 9

Support for the State of Israel

THE 16th PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS,

RECALLS previous resolutions dealing with Israel, including PA0901-1, GB1106-1, GB1510-3 and GB1905-9, which demonstrate the unwavering commitment of the World Jewish Congress and its affiliated communities to the nation state of the Jewish people, with Jerusalem as its capital;

RECOGNIZES the importance of the State of Israel to contemporary Jewish identity and resolves to enhance solidarity with the State of Israel and to strengthen the bonds between Jews in the Diaspora and Israel and its citizens;

REAFFIRMS its unconditional support for Israel as a Jewish and democratic state, in peace and security and with recognized and defensible borders with a right to defend itself against existential threats;

REITERATES the strong belief of the World Jewish Congress that Hamas must be held fully responsible for the violence which emanates from Gaza;

CONDEMNNS in the strongest possible terms the recent rocket attacks targeting the civilian population of Israel by Hamas, the terrorist regime in Gaza, and deplores this senseless escalation of violence and the loss of lives on both sides; reaffirms the unconditional right of the Israeli government to take all necessary steps to protect its citizens and restore safety and stability; and calls on the international community to stand resolutely with the State of Israel;

CONDEMNNS in the strongest possible terms the Boycott, Divestment and Sanction (BDS) movement and all other attempts to delegitimize and/or discriminate against the State of Israel;

REITERATES its condemnation of the anti-Israel bias targeting Israel at the Human Rights Council and other United Nations bodies, as expressed many times in previous WJC resolutions;

CALLS on the United Nations to treat Israel fairly, as it would any other country;

CALLS, once again, on governments and the international community to designate all sections of Hamas as a terrorist organization and forcefully condemn Hamas for its provocations and activities;

REAFFIRMS Israel's right to defend its borders against threats posed by hostile entities including those funded and/or supported by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, including Hezbollah;

EXPRESSES DISMAY at the recent steps taken by the International Criminal Court vis-à-vis Israel, which attempt to confer jurisdiction over states that are not parties to the Court, grant the status of state to non-state entities, and take positions regarding the delineation of borders in a dispute that the international community has recognized should only be decided by direct negotiations between the two parties, thereby posing a clear setback to the prospects of peace.

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