

Resolution GB 1905 - 9

Solidarity with the State and People of Israel

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

WELCOMES the 71st anniversary of the re-establishment of the Jewish homeland in Israel;

WELCOMES the enduring strength of its nine million citizens, who celebrated the achievements of the State of Israel despite the backdrop of the ongoing threats to its security;

NOTES WITH GRAVE CONCERN that for nearly 20 years Israeli citizens living in southern Israel have been under siege of missiles fired by Hamas and other terrorist elements from the Gaza Strip, forcing those citizens to become the defensive shield of Israel in the face of ongoing terrorism;

EMPAHSIZES that in the last few months alone, hundreds of missiles have been fired on Israeli communities close to the Gaza border, including a barrage of 700 over May 4th and 5th, 2019, killing four Israeli civilians and a wounding several others;

EXPRESSES the unwavering support of the World Jewish Congress and its member communities for the State of Israel and for all its citizens and residents, and their commitment to act in solidarity, as in the past, for the benefit of the Israeli people;

CONDEMNS the contemptuous disregard by Hamas and its accomplice terror organizations for human life and its numerous attempts to eliminate, for its own strategic benefit, any hope for peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians;

REITERATES that the World Jewish Congress hold Hamas fully responsible for the violence along the Israeli-Gaza border, and further appreciates and applauds the restraint exhibited by the Government of Israel and the Israel Defense Forces in responding to constant provocations;

REITERATES our numerous calls for the international community to: recognize Israel's right to self-defense; forcefully and clearly condemn Hamas for its terror activities and provocations; and to cease censuring and condemning Israel for its restrained responses to the repeated provocations of Hamas;

CALLS ON the international community to join Israel, the United States Canada and the European Union in designating Hamas as a terrorist organization.