

ICJP Resolution on De-legitimization

Done in Jerusalem, Israel, June 29, 2011:

Whereas the International Council of Jewish Parliamentarians (ICJP) at its 2011 meeting in Jerusalem focused on the particular challenge posed by the assault on the legitimacy of the State of Israel as the nation state of the Jewish People;

Whereas the Jewish People live throughout the world, as patriotic citizens of many countries, but still share a common culture, religious heritage and place of national origin in the land of Israel, dating back thousands of years before the common era;

Whereas the right of the Jewish People to both recognize themselves as a distinct people and to effect their self-determination in the land of their origin is no less than the right of any other national group anywhere in the world;

Whereas, over the course of thousands of years, the Jewish People have been subject to assault, invasion, exile, dispersion, discrimination, religious suppression and genocide, and have declared and established the State of Israel as the national homeland and refuge for the Jewish people;

Whereas the State of Israel has been created as a democratic state committed to liberal values, the rule of law, and the protection of the fundamental political, civil and human rights of all of its citizens;

Whereas the State of Israel, despite strenuous efforts by successive governments and with the strong support of friendly nations, has not yet succeeded in resolving its conflicts with its neighbors in order to provide peace and security to all its citizens;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that

-- The ICJP condemns any effort to question, undermine or reject the right of all states, including the State of Israel, to act in necessary self-defense;

-- The ICJP urges all nations to resist efforts to redefine the terms and protections provided by international law which provide a blanket of unwarranted safety for terrorists or to cheapen international human rights and international humanitarian law;

-- The ICJP calls on every nation to acknowledge and confirm that Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish People, fully entitled to equal treatment among the community of nations.