

WJC STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION
'OPTIONS FOR ACTION'
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BACKGROUND	The struggle against anti-Semitism has been a core issue of the WJC agenda since its inception. The WJC has been deeply involved in virtually every country of the world and on every level to combat this pernicious phenomenon. WJC actions have included quiet diplomacy, research and analysis, and public campaigns. In recent years, the level of anti-Semitism (in western Europe in particular) has increased, and this has often been manifested in thinly camouflaged demonization of Israel, particularly in left-wing and intellectual circles. The burgeoning Islamic population in Europe presents its own specific challenge as does the rise of the extreme right, with its unabashed program of antipathy toward Jews, as seen most recently in the Hungarian elections. The WJC constituency expects the organization to be in the forefront of this struggle, and it can act with unique authority.
OBJECTIVES	The objective of the WJC should be to carry on this struggle in the places in which its influence and impact will be greatest, and to avoid duplication of activity with other organizations that have a parallel agenda. The WJC should take advantage of its ability to monitor anti-Semitism on the ground in its various affiliates. It should also raise Jewish concerns at the highest level of relevant governments.

<p>OPTIONS FOR ACTION</p>	<p>Because of the sporadic nature of the problem, the WJC must be poised at all times to react to manifestations of anti-Semitism. The President and the Executive must constantly intervene with governments. The affiliates should provide the Executive with up-to-date information and recommendations for action. Public activity should include the convening of meetings and symposia to deal with specific problems. Interfacing with the media in order to ensure that the WJC voice is heard should be an integral element of the WJC strategy. The JDs, working with international organizations such as the OSCE, are in an excellent position to identify appropriate venues and forums for intervention.</p> <p>Anti-Semitism is a subject that has been dealt with by competent authors in the <i>Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs</i> and will continue to be a regular topic of discussion.</p>
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