

Resolution GB 1905 -11

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Unity of the Jewish World

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

RECALLS the resolution on 'Western Wall and Conversion Law – Call for Unity among all Jews and Mutual Respect' passed by the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress at its Meeting in London in September 2017, which:

- called for solutions "to these issues . . . in the spirit of Israel's Proclamation of Independence which committed the State of Israel to guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture';
- urged "productive dialogue between Israel and Diaspora communities in order to engender mutual understanding and ensure that Israel continues to fulfill its Zionist goal as the national home for all Jewish people and continue the quest for a solution in the interests of the of the Jewish people"; and
- urged 'the Israeli government, to attempt to resolve these issues for the benefit of Israel and the Jewish People and holds itself ready to assist in this vitally important project';

NOTES the findings and recommendations in the discussion Paper "Conversion Law and Egalitarian Prayer at the Kotel" presented to the meeting of the Governing Board of the World Jewish Congress at its meeting in Paris in November 2018;

RECALLS with satisfaction that at that meeting, the Chairman of The Jewish Agency For Israel spoke about the importance of Jewish unity advising that the issue had been placed as the highest priority for the Jewish Agency; acknowledged that the Jewish world was on the verge of a split and that there was no other choice but to fight for unity; sought a partnership with the WJC

in this endeavor; and invited the WJC to partner and dialogue with the Jewish Agency on these issues;

REITERATES its preparedness to partner with the Jewish Agency and other international Jewish organizations and bodies on these issues; and

EARNESTLY INVITES the incoming Government of Israel to work with the WJC to attempt to resolve these vitally important issues as a matter of urgency in the interests of Israel and World Jewry.