

## MOTION PROPOSED TO EJA ANNUAL CONFERENCE – AMSTERDAM 4 JUNE 2024

We, Jewish Leaders and Communities present at the European Jewish Association Annual Conference in Amsterdam on this day - 4 June 2024, following a vote, passed the following resolution:

1. Given the record rises in antisemitism and the associated existential threat to Jewish lives in Europe,

And given the lack of meaningful measures adopted by a majority of governments to date in dealing with the record rises and existential threat,

- **Urges the immediate establishment by European Governments of an online reporting mechanism for the ongoing harassment of Jews and antisemitic threats suffered, and that this reporting mechanism be directly linked to law enforcement agencies for rapid response.**
  - **Urges comprehensive police officer training in identifying antisemitism, dealing with antisemitism and arresting those that perpetrate antisemitic acts. Additionally, urges Police Departments to adopt a zero tolerance attitude towards violent and/or intimidatory protests to include terrorist organisation banners, flags, insignia and slogans.**
  - **Urges each European Public Prosecutor' Office to appoint a dedicated professional to deal with antisemitic complaints with a view to adopting much tougher responses to antisemitic incidents, and a establish a fast-track procedure towards prosecution.**
2. Given the widespread adoption of the IHRA definition of Antisemitism,
    - **Urges National Parliaments to enshrine in law the principles of the IRHA and establish the legal means to prosecute those in breach of those principles.**
    - **Urges National Parliaments to include Universities and Colleges of Higher Education in the same body of law, with a view to prohibiting and prosecuting antisemitic incitement - as defined by the legal definition - in classes, lectures, and in activities on campus properties.**

3. We accept that criticism of a democratically elected government is normal, but we note with great concern that the European Union High Representative Josep Borrell has demonstrated - both before and after October 7<sup>th</sup> - and via his spokesman Peter Stano - a clear and repeated anti-Israel bias that has been a significant contributory factor to the ongoing antisemitism towards Jewish communities in Europe and the vilification of the state of Israel as a whole in the European public space,
  - **States that High Representative Borrell has actively fostered a negative climate within the European Union External Action Service towards the State of Israel during his tenure,**
  - **Reminds the European Council and European Commission that the High representative's role is 'contributory', and that High Representative Borrell has frequently embellished or added to adopted European Council positions on his own initiative, including open criticism of the European Commission President stated support for Israel following the Hamas pogrom of October 7<sup>th</sup>,**
  - **Urges the European Council, considering the significant damage to European Israeli - relations, and in his contributing to antisemitism in Europe, to properly vet the next High Representative and ensure that the position and reputation of the EEAS is not allowed to be exploited and manipulated for partisan purposes, as it was under High Representative Borrell.**
4. Finally, to preserve and ensure future generations of Jews, and underlining the European Union's commitment to fostering Jewish life:
  - **Urges all national governments to enshrine the primacy of Freedom of Religion for Jews by protecting Kosher Slaughter and Circumcision from punitive legislation that impedes or bans both.**

Conference calls on the European Jewish Association to send this resolution to:

- All European National Parliaments and Governments.
- The President of the European Parliament
- All European Special Envoys for Combatting Antisemitism
- The Presidents of the European Council and European Commission

The Resolution was passed unanimously by show of hands on the 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2024