

**Resolution EC 170910 -6**

**Condemnation of Neo-Nazism/  
Radical Right and Left**

**The Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress, meeting in London on September 11, 2017,**

**TAKES SPECIAL NOTE** of this date of September 11 for those in the United States who suffered from the despicable actions of violent hatred on this day in 2001;

**NOTES** that racial, ethnic, and religious prejudice, discrimination, and hatred have caused untold human suffering throughout recorded history;

**RECALLS** that racism, bigotry, and religious prejudice have also been present in the history of the United States, including the lynchings and cross-burnings carried out by the Ku Klux Klan in the 19th century, the anti-Semitic radio broadcasts of the American priest Charles Coughlin during the 1930s and 1940s, other white supremacist manifestations that run counter to the fundamental proposition that all human beings are created equal, and the current resurgence of antisemitic actions emanating from both radical right and left groups;

**RECALLS** that the prejudice, discrimination, and hatred that arose out of pre-existing anti-Semitism was a condition precedent to the Holocaust perpetrated by Nazi Germany, its allies, and accomplices, resulting in the annihilation of six million Jews;

**RECALLS** that Roma and others whom the Nazis deemed inferior were also targeted for destruction; and that since the Holocaust, other acts of genocide have been perpetrated as a direct consequence of incitement to violence and mass murder;

**NOTES WITH CONCERN** that in recent years, there has been a frightening reawakening of neo-Nazism and extremism of the far right and left, especially within political organizations in different parts of Europe, including the Jobbik party in Hungary; Golden Dawn in Greece; and the Ustasha in Croatia, which organizations incite hatred and violence against minorities in a manner reminiscent of the language used by the Nazis;

**OPPOSES** any attempt by Jewish communities, communal bodies, and members or officials of the government of Israel or the Knesset to meet or have any dealings with far-right political parties, such as (for example) the Front National in France, the FPÖ in Austria, and Jobbik in Hungary, in keeping with the statement of Israel's President, Reuven Rivlin: "I am against any meetings by official representatives of Israel with representatives of such groups";

**NOTES** that all individuals, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or gender are equal and entitled to the same civil rights, without exception;

**NOTES** that any suggestion that any human beings are inferior is abhorrent; that all prejudice and intolerance must be opposed regardless of who the targets are; and that society as a whole must speak out and act unequivocally to oppose all

manifestations of racial, ethnic, and religious bigotry and prejudice whenever and wherever it manifests itself;

**CALLS UPON** law-enforcement agencies in all countries to closely monitor all such acts, and to enforce existing legislation proscribing hate speech and acts to the fullest extent;

**CALLS UPON** all decent people not to remain silent and not to allow hatred and bigotry to establish a foothold in any of the world's mainstream political systems.

ADOPTED BY THE WJC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MEETING IN LONDON ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2017