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NGO: The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists

Representative delivering the statement: Ido Rosenzweig

Mr. President,

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists expresses its alarm over the rise of antisemitic and hate crime incidents in recent years.

Two months ago, the world observed International Holocaust Remembrance Day, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. This year, the date marked 80 years of the infamous Wannsee Conference of 1942, which signified the beginning of the organized Nazi “final solution” plan.

Tragically, even 80 years later, antisemitism, Jew-hatred, and Holocaust denial have not abated.

According to an annual report on antisemitism published recently by the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency, The year 2021 witnessed the highest number of antisemitic manifestations of the last decade, with more than ten antisemitic incidents per day.

Mr. President, the promise to “never forget” cannot stop at the commemoration of the Holocaust. Proactive; preventive measures are also required. It is up to the international community to fight and prevent hate crimes, antisemitism, and Holocaust denial. This can be done, for example, through the implementation of educational programs.

Antisemitism and racism against Jews cannot be considered as just a “Jewish problem.” It is an issue of universal concern. Fighting antisemitism must be at the forefront of any human rights struggle.

Thank you, Mr. President.