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Agenda Item 3 – General Debate

NGO: IJL - The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists

Representative delivering the statement: Gabriela Goncalves.

Mr. President,

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists expresses its alarm over the rise of Anti-Semitic hate speech in recent years.

A recent report published by the Decoding Anti-Semitism Project of the TU University in Berlin, demonstrates how current events such as COVID-19 health regulations in France and trials of ex-concentration camp personnel in Germany – stimulated an equally distinct repertoire of antisemitic expression in both States.

The manifestation of the Anti-Semitic hate speech is expressed in different ways, including the trivialization of the holocaust, as well as the renewal of age-old antisemitic myths and blood-libels against Jewish people.

Mr. President, anti-Semitism and racism against Jews cannot be considered as a “Jewish Problem”, but rather as a universal concern. Fighting Anti-Semitism must prevent such hideous actions, and not just investigate them ex-post facto.

We call upon the Council and the international community to take more proactive measures against racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism through a joint effort by UN bodies and other international organizations, governments, parliaments, and civil society.

Fighting anti-Semitism must be at the forefront of any human rights struggle.

Thank you, Mr. President.