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NGO: The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists

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Thank you Madam President,

I am delivering this statement on behalf of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, the World Jewish Congress and the European Union of Jewish Students.

Special Rapporteur Dr. Barry, in your recent report you addressed the challenges on how to provide inclusive and quality education and recommended that no one should be able to use cultural diversity as a pretext for violating or limiting the scope of the human rights enshrined in international law.

However, recent months have demonstrated the importance of ensuring that education systems contribute to the promotion of human rights and tolerance and not of hate and racism. .

Therefore, it is dismaying that following the recent hostilities between Israel and the Hamas there were numerous antisemitic incidents against Jewish students in academic institutions worldwide.

Moreover, UNRWA's educational system continues to contain hate speech and incitement for violence, as acknowledged most recently by the European Parliament.

Therefore, we ask the Special Rapporteur to chart clear guidelines to education systems to prevent hateful propaganda and to ensure that every student or staff member can feel safe and respected regardless of their nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, etc.

Madam President, the Council must take a stand to ensure that schools are safe for all and promote human rights and tolerance, not hate and racism.

Thank you Madam President.