

Dear excellences, dear colleagues,

My name is David Csillik.

In the late 2014 and early 2015 three terror attack was carried out against Jewish communities in Europe in Brussels, Paris and Copenhagen leaving 9 people dead.

As a result in many Western-European countries armed soldiers are guarding synagogues, community centres, Jewish schools and kindergartens. These actions were necessary in order to protect innocent Jewish lives. Although Jewish people are concerned, it is fearful for them to attend events in institutions guarded like that, they feel constant danger. In fact they feel their life threatened. This feelings are multiplied when they have to take their children every day to institutions look like and guarded like a fortress.

During 2012 in Burgas, Bulgaria, where a suicide bomber killed 5 Israeli tourists, and injured several others, the terrorists of Hezbollah has taught us a valuable lesson, which is despite the dogma that Eastern-European and Balkan countries are could not be places of terror attacks, they can. Especially if the targets are Jews.

Noting these I recommend to all participating states to encourage cooperation between counter terrorist forces and Jewish communities and give aid to Jewish communities (if it is needed financially) to develop their security infrastructure, to have their members safe.

Additionally the modern type of antisemitism which is attacking Jews through attacking Israel is raising more and more. The BDS (Boycott Divestment Sanctions), which aim is to isolate Israel through political and economic tools has accomplished never seen success. The European Parliament has accepted the proposal to label Israeli products manufactured by Jews living in settlements, the city council of Reykjavik decided to boycott all Israeli goods. These unbalanced and unfair acts against Israel are raising the discomfort feeling and fear in European Jews. Especially because many times they fall victims of the anti-Israel emotions and acts.

I would recommend to all participating states to have a fair position in criticizing Israel and do not use boycott as political tool, otherwise your Jewish communities will pay the price.

I would also address the situation in Hungary: although the Jewish people are not afraid of physical violence and in 2015 we only registered one violent incident an other type, the old time of antisemitism is still present in Hungary. Among many other examples recently Balint Homan, a Nazi collaborator was rehabilitated and a statue was erected in remembrance him by the government in one of Hungary's largest cities.

I would suggest the government to stop these actions which intend to white wash the past so the Jewish people of Hungary can share our common past and faith without fear and negative emotions.