



**RESOLUTION**  
**ON THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE**  
**CONFERENCE ON ANTI-SEMITISM AND ON OTHER FORMS OF INTOLERANCE**

Whereas anti-Semitic sentiment continues to find expression through frequent violent attacks on Jews and Jewish institutions in numerous countries within the region of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE); and

Whereas demonization of Israel remains a common guise for appeals to scapegoating and hatred of Jews through the media and political speech; and

Whereas the 55 OSCE member states approved the Berlin Declaration in April 2004 and formally adopted it at the December 2004 Sofia Ministerial Council, specifically committing:

- to systematically collect and share reliable hate-crimes data and best practices through the OSCE Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
- to enact laws against hate crimes and implement best practices and tolerance programs, including Holocaust education, training for law enforcement and teachers, and outreach to civil society; and

Whereas a failure to fulfill the groundbreaking commitments of the Berlin Declaration could seriously undermine future efforts as well as those already underway in a number of countries, and continue to endanger lives; and

Whereas, among European nations, France, Germany and the United Kingdom have devoted the most effort to combating anti-Semitism, and the Canadian Jewish Congress has submitted a comprehensive report detailing Canada's implementation or compliance with many of the Berlin commitments, yet most countries other than the United States lag significantly in meeting the standards adopted at Berlin; and

Whereas the Euro-Asian Jewish Congress has published a comprehensive report analyzing anti-Semitic tendencies in the Euro-Asian Region; and

Whereas the European Jewish Congress Task Force on Anti-Semitism is establishing a unified community-based strategy to collect data and promote best practices; and

Whereas the WJC American Section sponsored a broadly-representative forum on May 10 in New York, with community leaders and Israeli and American diplomats who are coordinating strategies to effect responses to anti-Semitism through international organizations, including the OSCE, and adopted a resolution calling for governments at Cordoba to focus on implementation; and

Whereas the OSCE member states will meet June 8-9 in Cordoba, Spain, to review implementation of the Berlin Declaration and the related 2005 OSCE Brussels Declaration on combating all forms of racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism;

Therefore, the World Jewish Congress Governing Board:

1. Welcomes the initiative of the Government of Spain in hosting the OSCE Cordoba Conference on Anti-Semitism and on Other Forms of Intolerance; and
2. Urges all OSCE participating states to present the results of their respective and joint efforts to implement, and the degree to which pre-existing policies and practices are already in conformity with, the Berlin and Brussels Declarations; and
3. Further urges all OSCE participating states to fulfill their commitments within their countries and cooperate fully with ODIHR in its vital coordination role; and
4. Calls on governmental and non-governmental delegations attending the OSCE Cordoba Conference to focus efforts on reporting their countries' implementation of the Berlin and Brussels Declarations; and
5. Strongly supports an OSCE concluding document that identifies demonizing of Israel as a form of anti-Semitism; rejects the use of political or international developments to justify violence against any minority group; addresses gaps in implementation of Berlin and Brussels declarations; reaffirms the responsibility of individual states; and continues the mandate of the Personal Representatives of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, with full resources, flexibility, and sufficient resources for maximum effectiveness;
6. Encourages the OSCE Personal Representative on Combating Anti-Semitism to coordinate advocacy efforts with the Jewish communities in every OSCE member state, and offers to facilitate such coordination; and
7. Urges all Jewish communities to pursue independent collection of data on hate crimes and anti-Semitic incidents, review governmental implementation of Berlin and other commitments, share such information with WJC for comprehensive reporting and analysis, and reach out to government and civil society in their own countries.

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