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Renewed commitment in the fight against antisemitism in Europe

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1. Targeted attacks against members of the Jewish community in recent years in several Council of Europe member States demonstrate that antisemitism is not a curse of the past, but is a threat and a reality in Europe today.
2. The Parliamentary Assembly has observed for some years a worrying rise in manifestations of hate speech, racism, xenophobia and intolerance in Europe affecting migrants and asylum seekers, Jews, Muslims and Roma, Sinti and Travellers. It has relentlessly condemned manifestations of hatred and intolerance and called on its members to take a strong stand against them.
3. Historically, manifestations of antisemitism have shown how prejudice and intolerance can lead to systematic harassment, discrimination and ultimately mass killings and genocide. Still today, persisting stereotypes, insults and physical violence are experienced on a daily basis by members of the Jewish community in Europe. Limited protection mechanisms and the partial implementation of anti-discrimination and anti-racism legislation do not guarantee equality and safety for all.
4. Antisemitism and its manifestations are in contradiction with the fundamental values of the Council of Europe. It finds its origin in deep-rooted prejudice in society against Jews, which will only be overcome by increased awareness-raising efforts among the population and strong political condemnation. The Assembly expresses its concerns regarding the perpetuation of discriminatory stereotypes and calls for action to combat this scourge.
5. Most Council of Europe member States have taken relevant action to combat antisemitism and discrimination. But in the light of recent events, member States need to be increasingly vigilant and step up efforts to respond to new challenges. Governments and parliaments should consider the fight against antisemitism as a priority and their responsibility, as an integral part of policies and action to counter all forms of hatred.
6. Referring to its Resolution 1563 (2007) on combating anti-Semitism in Europe, the Assembly recalls that antisemitism represents a danger for all democratic States as it serves as a pretext for the use of and justification for violence. The Assembly also supports the work of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) in preventing and combating all forms of racism and intolerance, including antisemitism. Full implementation of its General Policy Recommendation No. 9 on the fight against antisemitism and follow-up to its recommendations following country visits need to be ensured.
7. In the light of these considerations, the Assembly calls on member States, observers and partners for democracy to:
 - 7.1. with regard to the condemnation and prosecution of antisemitic crimes:

- 7.1.1. ensure that the legislative framework on combating discrimination on any ground and hate speech is comprehensive and implemented, covering manifestations of antisemitism, such as public incitement to violence, hatred or discrimination, public insults, threats and desecration and profanation of Jewish property and monuments;
- 7.1.2. make the public denial, trivialisation, justification or praise of the Holocaust ("Shoah"), of crimes of genocide and of crimes against humanity a criminal offence, when it is not yet the case;
- 7.1.3. make a motive based on race, national or ethnic origin, religion or belief an aggravating factor in a criminal offence, when it is not yet the case;
- 7.1.4. ensure the prosecution of political figures and political parties for antisemitic statements and incitement to hatred;
- 7.1.5. suppress public funding of organisations and political parties promoting antisemitism;
- 7.1.6. sign and ratify, if they have not yet done so, Protocol No. 12 to the European Convention on Human Rights (ETS No. 177);
- 7.2. with regard to the reporting of antisemitic and other hate crimes:
- 7.2.1. increase the level of trust in the national authorities by providing police officers with training on combating hate crime and discrimination, and setting up dedicated anti-hate crime units in police forces, when it is not yet the case;
- 7.2.2. encourage victims to report antisemitic and other hate crimes by launching information campaigns on how to report such crimes;
- 7.2.3. step up efforts to ensure the collection of motivation-disaggregated data on hate crimes and ensure the publication of the number of complaints and their motivation;

Amendment 5

Tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

In the draft resolution, paragraph 7.1.1, after the word "ensure", insert the following words: ", while safeguarding freedom of expression,"

Amendment 1

Tabled by Mr Talip KÜÇÜKCAN, Mr Suat ÖNAL, Ms Leyla ŞAHİN USTA, Ms Serap YAŞAR, Mr Şaban DIŞLI

In the draft resolution, paragraph 7.1.2, delete the following words: ", of crimes of genocide and of crimes against humanity".

Amendment 2

Tabled by Mr Alain DESTEXHE, Mr Francesco Maria GIRO, Mr Damien THIÉRY, Ms Snežana JONICA, Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI

In the draft resolution, paragraph 7.1.2, delete the following words: ", of crimes of genocide and of crimes against humanity".

Amendment 6

Tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

In the draft resolution, paragraph 7.2.3, after the words "step up efforts to ensure", insert the

- 7.2.4. encourage co-operation between the police, the judiciary, educators and civil society organisations in assisting victims of hate crime;
- 7.3. with regard to the prevention of antisemitism:
 - 7.3.1. require that educational programmes make a link between current manifestations of hatred and intolerance and the Holocaust ("Shoah");
 - 7.3.2. ensure that the teaching of the Holocaust ("Shoah") is made an integral part of the curriculum at secondary level and that teachers receive specific training;
 - 7.3.3. encourage exchanges between children and young people of different faiths via joint activities, cultural programmes and sports events;
 - 7.3.4. engage in reflections and debates, at governmental and parliamentary levels, on the reasons behind the persistence of negative stereotyping and the root causes of antisemitism;
 - 7.3.5. oblige perpetrators of antisemitic acts to participate in educational programmes on the Holocaust ("Shoah");
 - 7.3.6. launch awareness-raising campaigns promoting respect and harmonious living together;

following words: "that a comprehensive and efficient system is put in place for".

Amendment 7
Tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

In the draft resolution, paragraph 7.3.4, after the words "parliamentary levels", insert the following words: "with the participation of political and religious leaders of different faiths, spiritual and humanistic beliefs,".

Amendment 8
Tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

In the draft resolution, at the end of paragraph 7.3.6, insert the following words: ", including in the framework of integration programmes for migrants and refugees;"

Sub-amendment 1 to amendment 8
Tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

In amendment 8, before the word "integration", insert the following words: "school curricula and".

Amendment 9
Tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

In the draft resolution, after paragraph 7.3.6, insert the following paragraph:

"actively promote the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and for the prevention of crimes against humanity."

7.4. with regard to antisemitism in the media and online antisemitic hate speech:

7.4.1. encourage the media to promote respect for all religious faiths and appreciation of diversity and report impartially on antisemitic attacks and on world events, with a view to preventing the fuelling of tensions;

7.4.2. urge Internet service providers and social media to take specific action to prevent and combat online hate speech;

7.4.3. sign and ratify, if they have not yet done so, the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime concerning the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed through computer systems (ETS No. 189).

8. The Assembly encourages national parliaments, including partners for democracy, to co-operate with the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and the No Hate Speech Movement campaign in their activities to prevent and combat antisemitism and other forms of hate speech and intolerance. The Assembly also calls for increased dialogue on means to prevent and combat antisemitism with the observer delegation of the Knesset at the Assembly.

9. The Assembly urges members of national parliaments and political leaders to systematically and publicly condemn antisemitic statements and engage in counter speech and alternative narratives.

10. The Assembly recognises the important role of civil society organisations in preventing and combating all forms of hatred and intolerance and calls for their continuous financial support.

11. Referring to Recommendation 1962 (2011) on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue and Recommendation 2080 (2015) on freedom of religion and living together in a democratic society, the Assembly reiterates its proposal that the Committee of Ministers set up a stable and officially recognised platform for dialogue between the Council of Europe and senior representatives of religions and non-denominational organisations.

Amendment 3

Tabled by Mr Alain DESTEXHE, Mr Francesco Maria GIRO, Mr Damien THIÉRY, Ms Snežana JONICA, Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI, Ms Elena CENTEMERO

In the draft resolution, paragraph 7.4.1, delete the following words: ", with a view to preventing the fuelling of tensions".

Amendment 4

Tabled by Mr Alain DESTEXHE, Mr Francesco Maria GIRO, Mr Damien THIÉRY, Ms Snežana JONICA, Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI, Ms Elena CENTEMERO

In the draft resolution, before paragraph 8, insert the following paragraph:

"The Assembly calls on the member States to take necessary measures to ensure the security of Jewish people and their religious, educational and cultural premises in close consultation and dialogue with Jewish communities and their representatives."

Amendment 10

Tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

In the draft resolution, at the end of paragraph 9, add the following sentence: "It also encourages them to set up an all-party parliamentary group against antisemitism to strengthen the fight across the political spectrum."