

Pledge submitted by the World Jewish Congress to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat December 2023

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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: The United Nations was built on the ashes of the atrocities of Second World War and the Holocaust, the genocide of 6 million European and North African Jews. The UDHR was written with these historic developments in mind, as stipulated in its preamble "disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind." The WJC pledges to expand its activities around Holocaust remembrance and against its denial and distortion, which also undermines the historical basis of the UN and the UDHR.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Jul 31, 2025

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: The WJC pledges to strengthen its activities against the glorification of terrorism and antisemitism both offline and online. This is part of our commitment to curb the spread of hateful ideologies, support minorities and prevent future occurrence of genocide.

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PLEDGE NUMBER 3: WJC experts were important stakeholders in drafting the UDHR, i.e. amendments to Art26 of the UDHR on the right to education, calling for education that strengthens "respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms" and promotes "understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups," were made possible through the advocacy efforts of WJC delegates. In light of this historical legacy, the WJC pledges to continue to advocate for education in a spirit of understanding, respect, and friendship among all nations, to promote Holocaust education and education against antisemitism, and to develop tools and initiatives in this regard.

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