

### SUBMISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR'S CALL FOR INPUT ON CONFLICT AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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### I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Special Rapporteur's call for input on conflict and racial discrimination, the European Centre for Law and Justice (ECLJ) submits this report on the rise of antisemitism, the most globally pernicious contemporary form of racism.<sup>1</sup> The ECLJ also holds Special Consultative Status before the UN ECOSOC.

Antisemitism, though traditionally motivated by religious bigotry, is now primarily motivated by deeply held racial and ethnic prejudices. The International Convention on All Forms of Racial Discrimination defines racial discrimination as "any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin . . . ."<sup>2</sup> Since the genesis of the Jewish State of Israel, ethnic discrimination has been at the center of global antisemitism toward Israelis and the international Jewish population. Global antisemitism does not distinguish between those of Jewish ethnic origin and those with ties to Israel, viewing both groups with a singular antisemitic hatred.

In comparison to other forms of contemporary racism, the global rate of antisemitic violence has surged recently. This escalation is fueled by conflicts targeting the State of Israel and intensified by statements from political figures, prominent media personalities, and even United Nations' officials. Such individuals have abused their positions to sway public sentiment by issuing antisemitic remarks. This global normalization of antisemitic rhetoric frequently manifests in violent hate crimes. The cycle of online hatred and physical violence deepens existing conflicts, undermining the prospects for peace and meaningful conflict resolution.

This submission highlights how political figures, social media influencers, and UN officials have used their platforms to promote antisemitic rhetoric, conspiracy theories, and influence government action. It also presents events and data underscoring the global rise in antisemitic hate crimes. Since Hamas's attack against Israel on October 7, 2023, the global Jewish community has faced a surge of online antisemitism and physical violence. The latest statistics are deeply alarming and demand an urgent international response.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, Call for Input on Conflict and Racial Discrimination, https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/2025/call-input-conflict-and-racial-discrimination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>G.A. Res. 2106 (XX) art. 1 (Dec. 21, 1965).

Finally, this submission recommends taking several actions to address the rise of modern antisemitism fueled by conflict.

## II. ANTISEMITIC STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS BY UN OFFICIALS, POLITICAL FIGURES, AND GOVERNMENTS

### A. Antisemitic Statements and Actions by UN Officials

The main purposes of the UN are, *inter alia*, to maintain international peace and security, develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.<sup>3</sup>

When it comes to the State of Israel and the Jewish people, however, the UN bodies have consistently deviated from these purposes to unjustly condemn Israel. The UN General Assembly and the Human Rights Council pass more resolutions against Israel than some of the worst human rights violators combined.<sup>4</sup> In 2024, the UNGA adopted 164 resolutions on Israel and 84 on other countries.<sup>5</sup> From 2006 through 2024, the Human Rights Council adopted 108 resolutions against Israel and 44 against Syria, 15 against Iran, 8 against Russia, and 3 against Venezuela.<sup>6</sup>

Further, UN officials have falsely accused Israel of committing war crimes, even sexual crimes during war, without any evidence. For instance, the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel (COI or Commission) accused the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) of committing sexual and reproductive violence in Gaza. Some of the examples of the alleged sexual and reproductive violence the Commission provided included the lack of sanitary pads for women, baby formula, healthy diet for pregnant women, and attacks on hospitals being used by Hamas for military purposes<sup>7</sup>—all of which are sad and unfortunate consequences of war but do not constitute crimes, let alone sexual crimes.

Below are some of the many antisemitic statements by prominent UN officials.

• On November 2, 2024, Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporteur, posted: "The 'greatest antisemitic massacre of our century'? No, Mr. @EmmanuelMacron. The victims of 7/10 were not killed because of their Judaism, but in response to Israel's oppression. . . ."<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> U.N. Charter, art. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 2024 UNGA Resolutions On Israel vs. Rest Of World, MIRAGE (Nov. 4, 2024, 1:58 AM), https://www.miragenews.com/2024-unga-resolutions-on-israel-vs-rest-of-world-1349662/#google vignette.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Indep. Int'l Comm'n of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel, "*More than a human can bear*": *Israel's systematic use of sexual, reproductive and other forms of gender-based violence since 7 October 2023*, A/HRC/58/CRP.6 (Mar. 13, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> UN Official: Oct. 7 Victims Were Killed because of Israeli Oppression, Not Antisemitism, ISR. NAT'L NEWS (Nov. 2, 2024), https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/385012.

- On November 1, 2024, Chris Sidoti, from the UN Commission of Inquiry mentioned above, accused Israel of being a "terrorism creation factory" in Gaza.<sup>9</sup>
- On July 29, 2022, Miloon Kothari remarked: "We are very disheartened by the social media that is controlled largely by the Jewish lobby or specific NGOs."<sup>10</sup>
- Going back to 2017, Navi Pillay stated: "Israel really resents a comparison between apartheid South Africa and Israel."<sup>11</sup>

#### B. **Antisemitic Statements and Actions by Political Figures and Governments**

Below are only a few examples of many antisemitic statements and actions by political figures and governments. These examples reflect a troubling reality that governments are engaged in antisemitic behavior at national and international levels, fueling alienation, and making Jewish communities more vulnerable to both online hate and physical violence.

- On January 29, 2025, Grzegorz Braun, a Polish member of the European Parliament, interrupted a moment of silence for Holocaust victims, saying, "Let's pray for the victims of the Jewish genocide in Gaza."<sup>12</sup> In December 2023, Mr. Braun used a fire extinguisher to extinguish a menorah in the Polish Parliament during Hanukkah.<sup>13</sup>
- On March 18, 2024, European Union (EU) Diplomat Josep Borrell of Spain asserted that Israel created Hamas and intentionally induced famine in Gaza.<sup>14</sup>
- On February 16, 2024, Brazilian President Lula compared Israel's military actions in Gaza to the atrocities Adolf Hitler committed during the Holocaust.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Israel's policies and occupation dynamics fueling radicalization in Gaza, Say UN Experts: Israel's Occupation and Conflict Dynamics Are Turning Gaza Into a 'Terrorism Creation Factory,' Warns UN Investigator, CHANNEL ONLINE (Nov. 1, 2024), https://www.en.channelionline.com/article/israels-policies-and-occupation-dynamicsfueling-radicalization-in-gaza-say-un-experts/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Andrew Jose, UN Investigator Blasted for Saying Social Media 'Controlled Largely by Jewish Lobby', JNS (July 29, 2022), (quoting Miloon Kothari on the Mondoweiss Podcast) https://www.jns.org/un-investigator-blasted-forsaying-social-media-controlled-largely-by-jewish-lobby/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Alexander El Jundi (United Nations Watch), Request for Navi Pillay to Request for Navi Pillay to Recuse Herself for Bias or the Appearance Thereof, ¶ 5, (quoting Navi Pillay in 2017) https://unwatch.org/wp-

content/uploads/2022/02/Request-for-Navi-Pillay-to-Recuse-Herself-on-Grounds-of-Bias.pdf (Feb. 14, 2022). <sup>12</sup> Ben Sales, Far-right Polish Lawmaker Disrupts Moment of Silence for the Holocaust to Decry "Jewish Genocide in Gaza," JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY (Jan. 29, 2025), https://www.jta.org/2025/01/29/global/far-right-polishlawmaker-disrupts-moment-of-silence-for-the-holocaust-to-decry-jewish-genocide-in-gaza. <sup>13</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Canaan Lidor, European Jewish Leaders Accuse EU Top Diplomat Borrell of Spreading Antisemitism, TIMES ISR. (June 4, 2024), https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog entry/european-jewish-leaders-accuse-eu-top-diplomatborrell-of-spreading-antisemitism/; Eliana Jordan, Top EU Diplomat Says Israel Has Provoked "famine" in Gaza, JEWISH CHRON. (Mar. 18, 2024), https://www.thejc.com/news/israel/top-eu-diplomat-says-israel-hasprovoked-famine-in-gaza-cix46mw1. <sup>15</sup> James Gregory, *Israel Condemns Brazil's Lula Likening Gaza War to Holocaust*, BBC NEWS (Feb. 19, 2024),

https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-68332821.

• On October 9, 2023, Colombian President Gustavo Petro equated Israel's defensive actions in Gaza with Germany's actions in the notorious Nazi concentration camp, Auschwitz.<sup>16</sup>

# C. Online Hatred by Prominent Media Personalities

In addition to political figures and UN officials, many media personalities are spreading antisemitic rhetoric and conspiracy theories.<sup>17</sup> Their social media posts are widely shared, quoted, and repurposed, exponentially amplifying their reach. As a result, hateful ideas are being normalized across vast audiences, fueling division and distrust. These posts have contributed significantly to the alarming global rise in antisemitic incidents and physical violence since the October 7, 2023, terrorist attack on innocent people in Israel.

While many prominent personalities such as Dan Bilzerian, Andrew Tate, Jackson Hinckle, Ian Carrol, Sneako, Nick Fuentes, and Darryl Cooper are fueling antisemitic hatred, not all examples can be included due to limited space.<sup>18</sup> Below are just a few examples from other notable media personalities.

- **Candace Owens**: Approximately 21.58 million followers across YouTube, X, TikTok, and Instagram, as well as hosting a top-rated podcast on Spotify.
  - "Your nation is being held hostage by a foreign power [Israel]."<sup>19</sup>
  - "I can't support the state of Israel. There's a ton of reasons why, but chief among them is that there always seems to be this cover-up for pedophilia."<sup>20</sup>
- Hasan Piker: Approximately 8.9 million followers across X, YouTube, Instagram, TikTok, and Twitch.

https://stopantisemitism.org/as-week/jackson-hinkle/; *Sneako*, STOP ANTISEMITISM (Jan. 24, 2025),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> E.g., Gustavo Petro (@petrogustavo), X, (Oct. 9, 2023, at 10:33 ET),

https://x.com/petrogustavo/status/1711389434468241597; see also Victor Cohen, "Petro Spreads Antisemitism in Colombia", Says the American Jewish Committee, COLOMBIAONE (Sep. 19, 2024),

https://colombiaone.com/2024/09/19/colombia-american-jewish-committee-petro-antisemitism/ (explaining the context of Petro's post and other offenses).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Elad Nehorai, *Anti-Israel Rhetoric Is Fueling an Alarmingly Powerful New Wave of Antisemitism on the Right*, FORWARD (May 16, 2025), https://forward.com/opinion/720910/joe-rogan-tucker-carlson-candace-owens-antisemitism/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Anti-Israel Rhetoric Is Fueling an Alarmingly Powerful New Wave of Antisemitism on the Right, FORWARD (May 16, 2025), https://forward.com/opinion/720910/joe-rogan-tucker-carlson-candace-owens-antisemitism/; *How 'Masculinity' Influencer Dan Bilzerian Fell Down a 'Brazenly Antisemitic' Rabbit Hole*, JEWISH CHRON. (Nov. 24, 2024), https://www.thejc.com/news/features/how-masculinity-influencer-dan-bilzerian-fell-down-a-brazenly-antisemitic-rabbit-hole-does360z; *Jackson Hinkle*, STOP ANTISEMITISM (Jan. 12, 2024).

https://stopantisemitism.org/as-week/sneako/; *White Supremacist Nick Fuentes Returns to Twitter with a Spree of Antisemitic Comments*, JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY (Jan. 25, 2023), https://www.jta.org/2023/01/25/united-states/white-supremacist-nick-fuentes-returns-to-twitter-with-with-a-spree-of-antisemitic-comments. <sup>19</sup> Dennis Prager, *My Letter to Candace Owens*, JEWISH J. (Oct. 15, 2024),

https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/opinion/375800/my-letter-to-candace-owens/.

- Hasan hurled insults at an orthodox Jewish man, calling him "Inbred" and a "Bloodthirsty Pig Dog!"<sup>21</sup>
- Hasan described the sexual violence of the October 7, 2023, attack as "rape fantasies" or "rape hallucinations."<sup>22</sup>
- **Kanye West**: Approximately 53.1 million followers across X and Instagram, and billions of streams across multiple music platforms.
  - Though it has been removed from YouTube, Spotify, and Apple Music, West's song, "Heil Hitler," has been seen nearly 10 million times on X.<sup>23</sup>
  - On X, West has repeatedly gone on antisemitic tirades, stated that he was a Nazi, and that antisemitism was "just some bulls–t Jewish people made up to protect their bulls–t."<sup>24</sup>

# **III. PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST THE JEWS**

The following alarming antisemitic attacks represent only a small fraction of the escalating crisis of antisemitism worldwide. In 2024 alone, the United States recorded 9,354 antisemitic incidents, a stark 5% rise from 8,873 in 2023.<sup>25</sup> Over the past five years, these incidents have surged by 344%, and over the past decade, the increase is an overwhelming 893%.<sup>26</sup> Furthermore, 33% of Jews have been personally targeted by antisemitic acts or statements in the past year.<sup>27</sup> The rise in these antisemitic attacks has caused great fear and concern to spread throughout the American Jewish community. More than three-quarters (77%) of Jews in the United States report feeling less safe due to the events of the October 7th attacks.<sup>28</sup> In 2024, 56% of Jews say they changed their behavior, such as not wearing clothing that would identify them as Jewish, or avoiding certain places or events out of fear of antisemitism.<sup>29</sup> Below is just a sampling of the growing antisemitic violence and in no way diminishes the importance of the instances not mentioned here.

### North America:

• On June 1, 2025, in Boulder, Colorado, attendees of a rally advocating for the safe return of Israeli hostages were brutally attacked by Mohamed Sabry Soliman, who was equipped

https://www.adl.org/resources/report/audit-antisemitic-incidents-2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Asaf Elia-Shalev, *Streaming Platform Twitch Bans Use of "Zionist" as Coded Slur for Jews and Israelis*, TIMES ISR. (Nov. 19, 2024), https://www.timesofisrael.com/streaming-platform-twitch-bans-use-of-zionist-as-coded-slur-for-jews-and-israelis/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Congressman Ritchie Torres Writes to Executives at Twitch and Amazon: Hasan Piker Is

*Dangerous*, RITCHIETORRES.HOUSE.GOV (Oct. 29, 2024), https://ritchietorres.house.gov/congressman-ritchie-torres-writes-to-executives-at-twitch-and-amazon-hasan-piker-is-dangerous.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Mira Fox, Every Antisemitic Thing Kanye West Has Said (so Far), FORWARD,

https://forward.com/culture/523287/kanye-west-tweets-antisemitism/ (last updated May 8, 2025). <sup>24</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Ia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2024, ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (Apr. 22, 2025),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> The State of Antisemitism in America 2024, AM. JEWISH COMM.,

https://www.ajc.org/AntisemitismReport2024 (last visited July 10, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> The State of Antisemitism in America 2024: AJC's Survey of American Jews, AM. JEWISH COMM.,

https://www.ajc.org/news/ajc-report-majority-of-american-jews-changing-behavior-due-to-fear-of-antisemitism (last visited July 10, 2025).

with homemade incendiary devices and a flamethrower.<sup>30</sup> Thirteen attendees were injured.<sup>31</sup> Karen Diamond, an 82-year-old victim of the attack, passed away from her injuries on June 30th.<sup>32</sup>

- On May 21, 2025, a young Jewish couple, 26-year-old Sarah and 30-year-old Yaron, were brutally executed in a heinous act of antisemitic violence outside the Washington D.C. Capital Jewish Museum.<sup>33</sup> After murdering the two Jewish victims, Elias Rodriguez was heard repeatedly exclaiming, "I did it for Gaza" and "Free Palestine."<sup>34</sup>
- On December 18, 2024, in Montreal, Canada, a local Jewish community building experienced an arson attack just hours after a synagogue experienced an arson attack for the second time in a year.<sup>35</sup>
- On October 26, 2024, in Chicago, Illinois, a Jewish man wearing Jewish clothing was shot while walking to a synagogue in a Jewish neighborhood.<sup>36</sup>
- On August 10, 2024, in New York City, a young man yelling "Free Palestine!" stabbed a Jewish man in the stomach near a Jewish community center.<sup>37</sup>
- On November 9, 2023, in Montreal, Canada, shots were fired through the front door of two Jewish schools.<sup>38</sup> The attacks came just two days after arson attacks at a synagogue and a Jewish community building.<sup>39</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Callum Sutherland, *The Rise of Antisemitism and Political Violence in the U.S.*, TIME MAG. (June 2, 2025), https://time.com/7287941/rise-of-antisemitism-political-violence-in-united-states/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> ADL Statement on Fatality in Boulder Firebombing Attack, ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (June 30, 2025), https://www.adl.org/resources/press-release/adl-statement-fatality-boulder-firebombing-attack. <sup>32</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Miranda Jeyaretnam, *What to Know About the Victims, Suspect, and Investigation Into the Shooting of Israeli Embassy Staff in D.C.*, TIME MAG., https://time.com/7287740/washington-dc-shooting-israel-embassy-jewishmuseum-suspects-victims-investigation/ (last updated May 23, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Sutherland, *supra* note 30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Top 5 Global Antisemitic Trends Since October 7: A One-Year Impact Report, ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, https://www.adl.org/resources/report/top-5-global-antisemitic-trends-october-7-one-year-impact-report (last visited July 10, 2025); An Arson Attack Targets a Montreal Synagogue and a Nearby Jewish Office Building Is Damaged, AP NEWS (Dec. 18, 2024), https://apnews.com/article/synagogue-arson-montreal-canada-49a8dace464e0b83def53ed21725bbe0.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Hate Crime, Terrorism Charges Filed after Jewish Man Shot in "targeted" Attack, NBC CHI. (Oct. 31, 2024), https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/hate-crime-terrorism-charges-filed-after-jewish-man-shot-in-targeted-attack-police/3589339/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Christina Fan, *Slashing of Jewish Man in Brooklyn Ruled a Hate Crime. Video Shows Violent Confrontation*, CBS NEWS (Aug. 12, 2024), https://www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/crown-heights-brooklyn-hate-crime-stabbing/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Amanda Polese-Lovgren, *Montreal Police Investigating Gunshots at Two Jewish Schools Early in the Morning of Nov.* 9, CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS (Nov. 9, 2023), https://thecjn.ca/news/montreal-police-investigating-gunshotsfired-overnight-at-two-jewish-schools/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Top 5 Global Antisemitic Trends Since October 7: A One-Year Impact Report, supra note 35; Polese-Lovgren, supra note 38.

#### South America:

- On November 8, 2024, Brazilian Federal Police thwarted a Hezbollah plot to attack the Brazilian Jewish community.<sup>40</sup>
- On August 16, 2024, in Mendoza, Argentina, police thwarted a plot by an Islamist terror group to target the Jewish community in the area.<sup>41</sup>
- A report from Jewish organizations in Brazil shows a 961% rise in antisemitic incidents in October 2023, as compared to October 2022.<sup>42</sup> Similarly, in Argentina, January 2024 saw a 600% increase in antisemitic incidents compared to January 2023.<sup>43</sup>

### **Europe:**

- On February 21, 2025, in Berlin, Germany, a man was stabbed in the neck by a teenager and sustained life-threatening injuries while visiting a Holocaust memorial.<sup>44</sup> The teen later claimed his motive was to kill Jews.<sup>45</sup>
- On March 2, 2024, in Zurich, Switzerland, a Jewish man was stabbed and critically injured shortly after leaving a religious service.<sup>46</sup> During the incident, the teenage suspect was yelling antisemitic slurs.<sup>47</sup>
- On February 12, 2024, in Paris, France, a Jewish man was stabbed in the back six times and subjected to antisemitic slurs by his former friend, who was obsessed with antisemitic conspiracy theories.<sup>48</sup>
- Further, incidents are surging across Europe in the wake of the October 7th attacks, threatening the safety of Jewish communities. In France, such incidents rose by 1,000% in just three months, resulting in more incidents than the previous three years combined.<sup>49</sup> Similarly, the UK saw a 600% increase, the Netherlands an 818% increase, Austria a 500% increase, and Germany a 350% increase.<sup>50</sup> These sharp escalations in the rate of antisemitic acts underscore the growing danger Jews face worldwide.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> *Global Antisemitic Incidents In the Wake of Hamas' War on Israel*, ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE (May 20, 2024), https://notoleranceforantisemitism.adl.org/resources/article/global-antisemitic-incidents-wake-hamas-war-israel. <sup>41</sup> *Argentine Police Thwart Islamist Terror Cell Planning Attacks on Jewish Community*, TIMES ISR, (Aug. 17,

<sup>2024),</sup> https://www.timesofisrael.com/argentine-police-thwart-islamist-terror-cell-planning-attacks-on-jewishcommunity/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Brazil Witnesses a 961% Surge in Antisemitic Incidents, EUR. JEWISH CONG. (Nov. 27, 2023),

https://eurojewcong.org/news/news-and-views/brazil-witnesses-a-961-surge-in-antisemitic-incidents/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Global Antisemitic Incidents In the Wake of Hamas' War on Israel, supra note 40.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Syrian Suspect in Berlin Holocaust Memorial Stabbing Wanted to Kill Jews, Investigators Say, AP NEWS (Feb. 22, 2025), https://apnews.com/article/germany-berlin-holocaust-memorial-stabbing-suspect-f55c1f363184d81c68858692542880bc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> *Id*.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Ten Most Shocking Antisemitic Incidents of March 2024, COMBAT ANTISEMITISM MOVEMENT (Apr. 15, 2024), https://combatantisemitism.org/studies-reports/ten-most-shocking-antisemitic-incidents-of-march-2024.
<sup>47</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> David Swindle, *Paris Police Arrest Man Accused of Antisemitic Stabbing*, JEWISH CHRON. (Feb. 15, 2024), https://www.thejc.com/news/world/paris-police-arrest-man-accused-of-antisemitic-stabbing-m0x3r8cr.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Top 5 Global Antisemitic Trends Since October 7: A One-Year Impact Report, supra note 35.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Id.

### Africa:

- On December 6, 2024, in Cape Town, South Africa, an unknown individual threw an improvised explosive device into a Jewish community center, but it fortunately did not detonate.<sup>51</sup>
- On September 27, 2024, in Cape Town, South Africa, a group of pro-Palestinian protestors violently attacked an elderly Jewish woman who had come to the South African Parliament building to pray for peace in the Middle East.<sup>52</sup> The protestors ripped the woman's flag away from her, cutting her hands, hit her with flagsticks, set her flag on fire, and taunted, "Jews must go away, Jews must all die, *pity that they didn't finish Jews off in Europe*."<sup>53</sup>

### Oceania:

- On July 4, 2025, in Melbourne, Australia, two antisemitic attacks shocked Australia's Jewish community.<sup>54</sup> First, a man set fire to a historic synagogue with worshippers inside.<sup>55</sup> Second, pro-Palestinian protestors vandalized a nearby Jewish restaurant, smashing windows and hurling furniture.<sup>56</sup>
- On January 20, 2025, in Sydney, Australia, a Jewish daycare center was extensively damaged when it was set on fire and spray-painted with antisemitic graffiti.<sup>57</sup>
- On December 6, 2024, in Melbourne, Australia, the Adass Israel Synagogue was set on fire, injuring one, while worshippers were gathered inside for their morning prayers.<sup>58</sup>
- New Zealand is increasingly affected by the alarming rise in global antisemitic incidents. In 2024 alone, there were a shocking 123 reported incidents of antisemitic abuse, as the monthly antisemitic incident rate continued to surpass pre-October 7 levels by over 300%.<sup>59</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> South African Jews Demand President Condemn Alleged Bombing Attempt at Jewish Center, ALGEMEINER (Dec. 13, 2024), https://www.algemeiner.com/2024/12/13/south-african-jews-demand-president-condemn-alleged-bombing-attempt-jewish-center/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> LETTER: Jewish Woman Attacked outside Parliament, IOL (Oct. 3, 2024),

https://iol.co.za/capeargus/opinion/2024-10-03-letter-jewish-woman-attacked-outside-parliament/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> *Id.* (emphasis added).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Israeli Restaurant Attacked, Synagogue Torched within Minutes of Each Other in Melbourne, TIMES ISR. (July 5, 2025), https://www.timesofisrael.com/israeli-restaurant-attacked-synagogue-torched-within-minutes-of-each-other-in-melbourne/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Childcare Centre Set Alight, Graffitied with Anti-Semitic Words at Maroubra in Sydney's South-east, ABC NEWS AUSTL. (Jan. 20, 2025), https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-01-21/maroubra-anti-semitic-graffiti-firechildcare-centre-nsw-police/104840416.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Rod McGuirk, Australian Synagogue Fire Declared Terrorism in a Decision that Increases Investigation Resources, AP NEWS (Dec. 7, 2024), https://apnews.com/article/australia-arsonists-melbourne-synagogueantisemitism-d6452045beaac39bd11a97a8fe851d37; Tiffanie Turnbull, Worshippers Flee Arson Attack at Melbourne Synagogue, BBC NEWS SYDNEY (Dec. 6, 2025), https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c5ydr228jyko.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> ANTISEMITISM WORLDWIDE Report for 2024, TEL AVIV UNIV. (Apr. 21, 2025), https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/anti-semitism/AntisemitismWorldwide\_2024.pdf.

• In Australia in late 2023, antisemitic incidents surged by an alarming 738%.<sup>60</sup>

# IV. BEST PRACTICES

To address the rapidly rising global presence and normalization of antisemitism due to recent conflicts, the following best practices are recommended:

### 1. Stop Antisemitism within the UN:

The UN must begin the eradication of racism from within. Only then can UN officials urge the rest of the world to comply with international instruments that require protecting fundamental freedoms. The UN should do an internal investigation to hold its own officials accountable for antisemitic statements and actions and, at a minimum, require them to comply with international human rights instruments.

#### 2. Combat Online Antisemitism:

The UN should collaborate with tech platforms to combat antisemitic hate speech online and enforce policies that already exist to combat racial and hate crimes. Likewise, clear guidelines and quick enforcement from tech platforms are essential to prevent incitement and violence.

#### 3. Hold States Accountable for Antisemitic Conduct:

The UN should monitor and address antisemitism by government officials and entities that promote economic boycotts, inflammatory rhetoric, or discriminatory policies against Jewish communities.

#### 4. Promote Education Regarding Antisemitism:

The UN should promote education about historical and modern manifestations of antisemitism to counter ignorance and prevent recurrence. Programs should be developed in collaboration with Jewish organizations and highlighted on the UN's website.

# 5. Establish a UN Mechanism to Address Antisemitism and Other Forms of Contemporary Racism:

The UN should consider establishing a dedicated task force to track and combat global antisemitism as a distinct and pernicious form of racial discrimination resulting in human rights violations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Top 5 Global Antisemitic Trends Since October 7: A One-Year Impact Report, supra note 35.

We respectfully request that these recommendations be taken into consideration and adopted by the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism.

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