Urge repeal of UN Resolution 3379

We are leaders of American ethnic, religious, and racial groups dedicated to promoting pluralism and opposing bigotry. We represent America's historic commitment to freedom and justice. In short, we are "America's United Nations."

We join together to support the call of President Bush and a growing number of world leaders for repeal of the infamous United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3379. This resolution, passed 16 years ago this month, equated Zionism with racism. It is an insult to millions of Americans.

In the same vein as the "Jim Crow laws," or the Nazi "laws of racial purity," the UN resolution abuses law to promote hatred. We cannot remain silent in the face of this destructive resolution or allow its pernicious influence on human relations and the Jewish people to go unchallenged.

The UN must act now to remove this obstacle on this path to peace!

Since 1975 the American Jewish Committee has played a leading role in the drive to repeal U.N. resolution 3379. The American Jewish Committee helps to restore security and well-being, enrich the quality of Jewish life, nurture pluralism, and protect human rights for all.

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For relegating the infamous UN Resolution 3379 to the dustbin of history.

On September 23, President Bush, speaking at the UN, called for the resolution’s repeal: “[Zionism] is the idea that led to the creation of a home for the Jewish people, to the state of Israel. And to equate Zionism with the intolerable sin of racism is to twist history and forget the terrible plight of Jews in World War II and indeed throughout history.”

On December 16, the 111 countries listed above did the right thing and decisively repealed the resolution. As Israeli foreign minister David Levy declared after the historic vote: “It was a victory of morality over injustice...and courage over cowardice.”

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Today, we join together to condemn, on the fifteenth anniversary of its passage, the infamous United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3379 that equated Zionism with racism. This resolution is an insult to millions of Americans whose racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds make them especially sensitive to all forms of bigotry. It has also produced widespread anti-Semitism which all who value freedom and pluralism repudiate.

For 15 years, UN Resolution 3379 has resulted in attacks on Jews on college campuses and charges that Jews by definition support racism. It has encouraged historical revisionists to claim legitimacy for their outrageous comparison between Israel and Nazi Germany. It has given comfort to extremists who want to see Israel destroyed and has hampered the search for peace for all peoples in the Middle East.

The UN resolution abuses law to promote hatred. All who remember Jim Crow and Nuremberg know the danger to everyone when bigotry is embodied in law. Resolution 3379 also demeans the concept of racism by subordinating it to narrow and illegitimate political purposes.

We cannot remain silent in the face of this destructive resolution or allow it to percolate into the human relations and the Jewish people to go unchallenged.

We join with our government, as well as with an increasing number of nations all over the world, in urging the United Nations to mark this fifteenth anniversary by repealing Resolution 3379.

Nothing less will uphold the standards of human dignity which all people of good will have an obligation to respect.

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