



הארגון הבינלאומי של עורכי-דין ומשפטנים יהודים (ע"ר)
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH LAWYERS AND JURISTS (R.A.)

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IAJLJ) held its annual conference in Lausanne, Switzerland, between October 30 - November 4, 2012. The Conference was devoted to "**Religion in a Multicultural Society**", a subject of particular significance in light of current world events. The Conference, organized with the scientific support of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, which hosted the conference, dealt with the interface of religion and human rights in contemporary democracies, and the ensuing issues and possible solutions.

Conference experts analyzed the proceedings in various States to ensure the religious freedom of different groups.

Among the complex issues singled out were: the principle of equality as a missing element in various States;

THE IAJLJ RESOLVES:

TO PROMOTE an appropriate balance of freedom of and freedom from religion;

TO CULTIVATE an environment of religious tolerance and respect in a multicultural society;

TO CONDEMN AND SUPPRESS religious fanaticism, hatred, extremism, incitement to violence, manifestations of actual violence, and the undermining of the fundamental values of free, democratic societies;

TO PROMOTE a balance between freedom of expression and the prohibition of incitement to hatred, in addition to discrimination and violence against religious and other groups;

TO RECOGNIZE that freedom of expression, which is of utmost importance as a basic human right, is not an absolute right, in most States is subject to exceptions, in order to prevent incitement to racial, religious or national hatred;

TO RECOGNIZE that victims of acts motivated by hatred or hostility grounded on race or on religion are entitled to equal protection by the law;

TO CONTINUE MONITORING the religious freedom of various groups in multicultural States;

TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL FORA on violations of religious rights.