

## **RESOLUTION: 1409gb-1**

### **ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT**

**The Governing Board of the World Jewish Congress, meeting in Berlin on 15 September 2014,**

**REITERATES** its unwavering support for the State and People of Israel which have once again been subjected to a series of terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas and its allies;

**RECALLS** that Hamas is a terrorist organization whose charter is blatantly anti-Semitic and calls for the destruction of the Jews;

**NOTES** that Hamas shares a common vision with ISIS and other like-minded terrorist groups of establishing an Islamic Caliphate and has committed egregious human rights violations against the Gazan population in pursuit of its goals;

**STRESSES** that no country in the world would allow its civilian population being subjected to terrorist attacks such as the firing of rockets and missiles, or the construction of attack tunnels, and that Israel exercised its legitimate and inalienable right to self-defense as enshrined in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations;

**RECALLS** that Hamas refused repeated offers for a ceasefire and that Israel had no choice but to expand its operations against the terrorist group;

**NOTES** with concern that Israel has once again been unfairly criticized by governments and international organizations for defending itself against attacks from Gaza;

**REGRETS** the loss of civilian lives in Gaza and destruction following the expansion of Operation Protective Edge but categorically rejects accusations that Israel deliberately targeted, or collectively punished, civilians;

**CONDEMNS** the actions of those agencies and senior officials of the United Nations which took a one-sided stand in this conflict; appointed an investigative committee whose terms of reference were skewed against Israel in advance; and made unfounded accusations against Israel of deliberately targeting civilians in the Gaza Strip;

**CALLS ON** the United Nations to properly investigate allegations that staff of the UNRWA agency in Gaza actively collaborated with Hamas and that UN schools were misused by Hamas;

**WELCOMES** the fact that Israel is investigating certain actions taken by members of the IDF;

**CALLS ON** the international community to ensure that any long-term plan for the reconstruction and development of the Gaza Strip must include the complete demilitarization of the territory, in particular the disarmament of all terrorist and paramilitary groups, including Hamas, under the supervision of a credible international force;

**REITERATES** its longstanding support for, and commitment to, two states for two peoples as the only workable, realistic and principled basis for a true and lasting peace;

**URGES** both Israel and the Palestinian Authority to return to direct peace negotiations.