



The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurist (“IAJLJ”) held its bi-annual conference in Berlin (November 15-18, 2011) on “**Holocaust Denial and Freedom of Speech in the Internet Era**”.

The Conference dealt with the encounter between the Shoah, the internet and freedom of expression.

The Conference addressed the legal and some educational issues arising from the propagation of hate messages and the distortion of Shoah history through the internet, with a view to identifying and promoting legal remedies and other solutions that might assist in combating these new and complex problems.

Against the background of sensitivity in convening a conference on German soil;

Aware that the information battle is being lost by the Jewish people;

Encouraged by Germany’s commitment and legal inroads in this regard;

Noting applicable European legislation and US commitment to the First Amendment;

Continuing the IAJLJ tradition of advocacy against those seeking to destroy Holocaust memory and harm Israel’s legitimacy;

Aware of the responsibility of Jewish lawyers and jurists and given their commitment to mobilize on behalf of the Jewish people.

On the legal level –

Recognizing that law has a role to play in reflecting normative standards to resolve problems and ensure rights;

Yet aware that law sadly is a weak tool against the magnitude of the scourge of Holocaust denial; the effect of law has been only marginal in terms of Holocaust denier convictions.

Recognizing that law must be augmented by other means, technological, educational etc’.

On the technological level –

Recognizing the necessity to ensure security policies for Jewish and Israeli websites;

On the educational level –

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The Conference resolved as follows:

In order to combat racist, xenophobic hate in the internet in general and anti-Semitism, including Holocaust denial in particular, this Conference calls

a) on all states:

- i) to sign, ratify and implement all relevant international instruments and in particular the European Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest convention) and the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (The Strasbourg Protocol);
- ii) to enact and maintain both civil and criminal relevant, specific legislation;
- iii) to provide effective and fair remedies for the implementation of this legislation, with safeguards to prevent abuse of the remedies;

b) on all internet businesses accessible to the public:

- i) to incorporate into their terms of service relevant, specific prohibitions; and
- ii) to provide effective, fair remedies for violations of these terms of service, with safeguards to prevent abuse of the remedies.

Last:

A case should be filed against Ahmadinejad, preventing his appearance before UN and other international forums;