



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

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To  
Ambassador Lars Faaborg- Andersen  
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H.E. Mr. Faaborg- Andersen,

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IAJLJ) is an international NGO founded in 1969 by Nobel Prize Laureate René Cassin, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, and Israeli Supreme Court Deputy Chief Justice Haim Cohen. The IAJLJ is an accredited NGO by the United Nations and the Council of Europe and has members in 35 countries. We were established, primarily, in order to further the cause of human rights, to act against Anti-Semitism and the denial of the Holocaust, and to act against all forms of racism manifested against any people.

The IAJLJ is deeply disturbed and concerned by the findings of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) recent Report on Discrimination and Hate Crime against Jews in the EU. In light of Holocaust, which exterminated nearly all European Jewry, the IAJLJ urges the European Union and its members recognize the significance of these findings and take appropriate legal action to counter this resurgence of anti-Semitism on European soil. Regrettably, events that have taken place since World War II demonstrate that the lesson of the Holocaust has yet to be learned.

The international community needs to recognize that the Holocaust against European Jewry should serve as an impetus to insure that such atrocities do not reoccur. We therefore write to you today, the International Holocaust Remembrance Day to reaffirm our commitment to fight anti-Semitism and all other forms of racism and to urge members of the international community, and foremost the European Union and its members, to use any and all of its capabilities to combat the resurgence of racism against Jews and others as detailed in the Report.

The IAJLJ notes the FRA's proposals:

- underline the responsibility of politicians and other opinion makers to condemn antisemitism in public debate immediately and unequivocally.
- ensure that Holocaust education is integrated into school curricula.
- collect comprehensive data on how Jewish people experience fundamental rights in their everyday live

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We recommend that EU encourage Member States to employ all legislative, judicial and other means to implement these critical goals.

The IAJLJ will be ready to assist in the legal processes undertaken in this framework.

Sincerely,

Adv. Irit Kohn  
President