



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

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Mr. Gerard Araud, President

Security Council 245 East, 47th St. 44th Fl.

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VIA E.MAIL

Dear Mr. President,

For some time the IAJLJ, which enjoys the status of an NGO at the UN, has been following with alarm and dismay the pronouncements of Ayatollah Khaminey, President Ahmadinejad and other Iranian government leaders calling for the destruction of the State of Israel.

To our deep regret, similar threats were implemented in the past in the events of World War II.

It should be recalled that in 1956 Iran ratified the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 1948, Article 1 of which clearly states that genocide is a crime under international law which the Contracting Parties undertake to prevent and to punish.

Article III (c) states that direct and public incitement to commit genocide shall be punishable.

The President of Iran and Iranian government leaders utilize every opportunity to reiterate their threat to destroy Israel and they attempt to sway public to support their declared intentions.

As Iran is not a signatory to the Rome Treaty establishing the ICC, the only avenue available for bringing this issue before the ICC is by addressing the Security Council (Art. 13 (b) of the Rome Treaty); accordingly, we entreat the Security Council to open an investigation of the Iranian leaders, who have been committing incitement to genocide over an extensive period of time.

The IAJLJ calls upon the UN Security Council to utilize its authority and refer this incitement to genocide to the ICC for action in accordance with the provisions of the Rome Treaty.

The IAJLJ considers that the silence of the world and primarily the UN on this most serious matter, against the background of Iran's relentless progress towards the development of nuclear weapons is a serious threat to world peace and security. Every effort should be made to prevent the threatened calamity from being realized.

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Respectfully,

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