



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

June 17, 2013

Mrs. Patricia Perez Goldberg
Minister of Justice

Dear Madam,

Re: Invoking Bulletin No. 7130-07 of the Senate of Chile
"Typifies the Crime of Inciting to Racial and Religious Hate"

The International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IAJLJ) was disturbed to learn that recently, during a TV broadcast on channel CHV, a puppet talking to the host declared: "*Jews are not to blame for being a better fuel than wood*". We appreciate that this comment was immediately condemned by various figures in Chile; nonetheless, we remain concerned that current legislation in Chile (Law Nr. 20,609 (Antidiscrimination Law)) is inapplicable in such cases.

The IAJLJ is aware of a relatively new project entitled: "Typifies the Crime of Inciting to Racial and Religious Hate" - Bulletin No. 7130-07 of the Senate of Chile - that is currently being pursued with the purpose of regulating hate speech.

We call upon you, as Minister of Justice, to prioritize this project and upgrade its "urgency". We hope that by so doing members of the Congress will be able to address the matter as soon as possible so as prohibit the expression of antisemitic sentiments.

It is unfortunate that the Antidiscrimination Law in Chile is inapplicable in these circumstances. We urge you to take necessary measures to rectify this deficiency, inter alia, by accelerating the approval process of Bulletin No. 7130-07.

Yours sincerely,

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President