

European Youth Forum Resolution

Call for European Youth Forum
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Fearing that the Middle East crisis is being misused and is spilling into a wave of terrorism, xenophobia and racism in Europe,

Highly alarmed that Jewish people across Europe have become targets of attacks since the dangerous development of the situation in the Middle East,

Fearing an uprise of islamophobic reactions towards Muslims and Arabs across the world and especially in Europe,

Shocked that many anti-semit incidents have recently been reported, for example: the stabbing of a Jew in London, fire-bombing and vandalism of synagogues in France, the attacks of Jewish targets in Germany, Britain, rocks thrown at Jewish buildings in Madrid as well as violent actions across Europe and the world,

Profoundly convinced that combating anti-semitism is integral and intrinsic to opposing all forms of racism,

Stressing the European Youth Forum's key role in promoting human rights and believing that the fight against racism, anti-semitism, xenophobia and all forms of related intolerance forms an integral part of the promotion and protection of human rights,

Convinced that the fundamental role of young people in the building of a free society and of the importance of non-governmental youth organisations in the defence of threats targeted minorities,

Recalling the declaration of Dr. Walter Schimmer, the Council of Europe's Secretary General on the 13/10/2000 'firmly condemning all kinds of anti-semit attacks and acts which have recently occurred in Europe' and 'deeply concerned of the consequences of the

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development of the Middle East in Europe' as well as 'the relevance of our vigilance and strong joint reaction in order to prevent the further escalation of anti-semit and racist action and propaganda in Europe and anywhere else',

The General Assembly of the Youth Forum urges to:

1. Condemn anti-semit attacks that are targeting Jewish populations across the world and specifically in Europe,
2. Call for an immediate halt to the exportation of the Middle East conflict to the European continent which results in terrorist attacks against Jews.
3. Require all public authorities to act in order to stop this violence.
4. Urge youth organisations, specifically religious groups, to spread a message of respect between people.
5. Condemn the misuse of the Middle East crisis which results in such an intolerant situation.