

COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM

1 Hadassah, the Women’s Zionist Organization of America, Inc., deplors the rise in acts of
2 violence perpetrated against Jewish institutions, synagogues and Jewish individuals around the
3 world—most recently the deadly shootings at the Jewish Museum of Belgium and the Jewish
4 Community Center of Greater Kansas City.

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6 Anti-Semitic political parties—such as Jobbik in Hungary, Front National in France, Golden
7 Dawn in Greece, and Svoboda in Ukraine—have caused great concern for Jewish communities
8 throughout Europe. According to a recent study by the European Union Agency for
9 Fundamental Rights, many European Jews reported a rise in anti-Semitism in their countries and
10 avoid wearing kippot or other Jewish symbols in public because they fear for their personal
11 safety.

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13 Throughout the Muslim world, political and religious leaders frequently use anti-Semitic vitriol
14 in statements, schools use anti-Semitic curricula, and states sponsor production and distribution
15 of anti-Semitic materials.

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17 Hadassah calls on all nations and international bodies to establish or intensify their efforts to
18 track, investigate and prosecute those responsible for anti-Semitic hate crimes. Hadassah also
19 urges political and religious leaders to denounce in the strongest possible terms all anti-Semitic
20 attacks, statements, and propaganda—especially from leaders and communities within their own
21 country or faith.

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23 Hadassah calls on the United States government to use its resources and influence to urge
24 international leaders to act upon these suggestions and raise awareness in the United States about
25 the issue of global anti-Semitism.