

## **STATEMENT OF CORE PRINCIPLES FOR WCAR FOLLOW UP**

In 2001, more than three thousand people participated in the Non-Governmental Forum of the United Nations third World Conference against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (WCAR) to chart a course for future generations to eradicate racism, discrimination and intolerance. Participants pledged to adhere to established international human rights standards and operate with transparency and respect for democratic discourse.

Many civil society representatives were disappointed, when the NGO process, which raised the profile of important contemporary racism problems and the historic wounds of slavery and discrimination, was discredited. UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson spoke out against what she called the "hateful, even racist" antisemitic atmosphere that plagued the NGO forum. She refused to commend it to governments for their consideration. Leading international human rights organizations called some of the human rights language in the declaration inaccurate, inappropriate and even counterproductive. They regretted that progress on vital issues such as discrimination against Roma and caste discrimination was thereby diminished. Observers were shocked by violations of procedure in the preparatory and drafting processes, the racist treatment including violence, exclusion, and intimidation against Jewish participants, and the misuse of human rights terminology in the document related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

With a few notable exceptions, the vast majority of groups was silent or refused to speak out. In the years since, many have reflected that the result was a regrettable vacuum of moral leadership.

The organizations below pledge to reject hatred and incitement in all its forms, including antisemitism, to learn from the shortcomings of the 2001 WCAR, and to work together in a spirit of mutual respect.

1. We are united in our deep commitment to the goals of the WCAR to chart a course for future generations to eradicate racism, discrimination and intolerance in all its forms.
2. Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance afflict peoples in many Member States. We are committed to the important mission of NGOs to monitor and hold accountable those responsible for policy failures and for lack of implementation of measures to prevent and punish such acts.
3. However, the global effort to eradicate racism cannot be advanced by branding whole peoples with a stigma of ultimate evil, fomenting hateful stereotyping in the name of human rights.
4. The UN and its human rights fora must not serve as a vehicle for any form of racism, including antisemitism, and must bar incitement to hatred against any group in the guise of criticism of a particular government. We pledge to prevent this from happening again.
5. We pledge to uphold language and behavior that unites rather than divides. As NGOs we commit to use language in accordance with international human rights standards and conduct ourselves with civility and with respect for human rights standards.

1. Magenta Foundation
2. Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights
3. International League for Human Rights
4. Human Rights First
5. ENAR – European Network Against Racism
6. UNITED for Intercultural Action - European network against nationalism, racism, fascism and in support of migrants and refugees
7. Anti-Defamation League
8. ACP - “Culture of peace” Association (Romania)
9. The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (USA)
10. SOVA Center for Information and Analysis (Russian Federation)
11. Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (USA)
12. European Jewish Congress
13. ILGA-Europe, International Lesbian and Gay Association
14. LICRA - Ligue Internationale Contre le Racisme et l'Antisemitisme
15. B'nai B'rith International
16. Simon Wiesenthal Centre
17. Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative
18. CCDN - Celebrating Cultural Diversity Network (UK)
19. CRARR - Center for Research-Action on Race Relations (Canada)
20. Observatorio sobre Conflictos Etnicos en la Argentina – OSCEA
21. CAERS - The Canadian Anti-racism Education and Research Society
22. Citizens' Watch (Russia)
23. AFRICAN UNION Social organization of St.Petersburg (Russia)
24. NEVER AGAIN Association (Poland)
25. Asian American Justice Center
26. CIDI (Netherlands)
27. European Council of WIZO Federations
28. GRA Foundation against racism and antisemitism (Switzerland)
29. Dženo Association (Czech Republic)
30. AJC - American Jewish Committee
31. Hadassah
32. Freedom House (USA)
33. Human Rights Without Frontiers International
34. World Jewish Congress
35. Athinganoi, the Romani Student Association (Czech Republic)
36. Jewish Labor Committee (USA)
37. DACoRD - Documentation and Advisory Center on Racial Discrimination (Denmark)
38. Movimiento contra la Intolerancia (Spain)
39. Civitas Bosnia and Herzegovina
40. ZARA - Zivilcourage und Anti-Rassismus-Arbeit (Austria)
41. United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA)
42. Roma Virtual Network (RVN)
43. International Institute for Education and Research of Antisemitism (Germany/UK)
44. Amadeu Antonio Stiftung (Germany)
45. RADAR (Netherlands)
46. CEJI - A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe
47. B'nai B'rith Europe
48. NIK - Organization of Jewish Communities in the Netherlands
49. United Nations Watch (Switzerland)
50. International Council of Jewish Women
51. Rabbis for Human Rights (Israel)
52. MAPP (France)
53. Association ESTER (Slovakia)
54. Na'amat (Belgium)

55. The Kyrgyz Committee for Human Rights (Kyrgyz Republic)
56. Le Conseil des Femmes Juives de Belgique - CFJB (Belgium)
57. Bund Schweizerischer Jüdischer Frauenorganisationen - BSJF (Switzerland)
58. The Citizens Accord Forum between Jews and Arabs in Israel – CAF
59. Consultative Council of Jewish Organisations (EU)
60. Roma National Congress (RNC)
61. Israeli Association for Immigrant Children
62. National Roma Centrum (Macedonia)
63. New Israel Fund – NIF
64. Union of Balkans Egyptians (Macedonia)
65. Roma National Centre (Moldova)
66. National Campaign for Nomadic Tribes Human Rights – NCNTHR (India)
67. Association of citizens Sumnal (Macedonia)
68. Tribuna Israelita (Mexico)
69. Helsinki Citizens' Assembly of Moldova
70. Defence for Children International (Czech section)
71. Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Justice Office – SCP (Ireland)
72. Centro de Cultura e Pesquisas Axé – CCPA (Brazil)
73. Yad Sarah (Israel)
74. International Women's Rights Action Watch (USA)
75. Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities
76. The International Council of Christians and Jews – ICCJ
77. The American association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists
78. ORT America/World ORT
79. Canadian Ethnocultural Council
80. Comité Central de la Comunidad Judía de México –JCCM
81. Physicians for Human Rights
82. The Advocates for Human Rights - formerly Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights (USA)
83. Antinazi Initiative (Greece)
84. World Council of Conservative/Masorti Synagogues
85. Jewish Council for Public Affairs (USA)
86. Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (Sweden)
87. The Bahá'í International Community
88. United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USA)
89. The Canadian Helsinki Watch Group
90. Moscow Helsinki Group
91. Roma Democratic Development Association SUN (Macedonia)
92. INACH - International Network Against Cyber Hate
93. European Union of Jewish Students – EUJS
94. The Tandem Project, international HR NGO promoting tolerance and preventing discrimination based on religion or belief (USA)
95. DAIA, The Delegation of Argentinian Jewish Organizations
96. American Jewish Congress
97. European Roma Rights Centre
98. American Psychological Association

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