

ICJP Resolution on Mandate and Future Efforts

Done in Jerusalem, Israel, June 29, 2011:

Whereas the International Council of Jewish Parliamentarians (ICJP) at its 2006 meeting in Jerusalem adopted by-laws to create a diverse leadership from each part of the world, including selection of a President, a group of vice-chairs and a continuing role for its founding chairman;

Whereas the ICJP works in full partnership with the World Jewish Congress (WJC), which serves as the Secretariat and institutional partner for the ICJP, and in close cooperation with the Israeli Knesset and other supporting elements of the Israeli government;

Whereas the ICJP exists, *inter alia*, to promote dialogue and collaboration between Jewish parliamentarians from every part of the world; to promote universal adherence and support for human rights and the rule of law; to combat racism, anti-Semitism, xenophobia, terrorism and Holocaust denial; to support the State of Israel in its struggle for peace and security and to help sustain Israel's identity as a Jewish and democratic state;

Whereas the ICJP seeks to enhance the communication and collaboration between its members all around the world and to surmount the barriers of language and distance;

Whereas the ICJP aims also to provide outreach to Jewish communities in nations in which there are no elected Jewish parliamentarians, and to build strategic relations in such states with national parliamentarians and non-governmental organizations supportive of the State of Israel, and protective of the Jewish community and the human rights of all people;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that

1. The ICJP, in partnership with the WJC, will seek opportunities to send small but regionally diverse delegations of members on an *ad hoc* basis to developing nations of growing global influence, to speak out against anti-Semitism and threats to the safety and survival of the State of Israel, and to address situations of particular concern to World Jewry;
2. The ICJP, in partnership with the WJC, will seek out strategic partnerships with friendly parliamentarians, non-governmental organizations and parliamentary groups, from both the Jewish and the wider community, to enhance cooperation in defending Israel and World Jewry, and the protection of international human rights;
3. The ICJP, in partnership with the WJC, seeks to enhance member communication by providing contact information for each member and to enable members to share their relevant written work and statements with each other through appropriate electronic media;
4. The ICJP, in partnership with the WJC, aims to meet not less than biannually, rotating its meetings between Israel and other continents;
5. The ICJP elects the following members to serve as its officers until the next ICJP meeting, as Chairperson, the Hon. Fiamma Nirenstein (Italy), and as members of the Steering Committee, Mr. Mark Adler, MP (Canada), Ms. Luciana Berger, MP (UK), Prof. Irwin Cotler, MP (Canada), Mr. Michael Danby, MP (Australia), M.K. Yuli-Yoel Edelstein, Mr. Luis Fishman, MP (Costa Rica), Dr. János Fánagy, MP, Secretary of State, (Hungary), M.K. Shai Hermesh (Israel), Rep. Nita Lowey (U.S.A.), Councilman Floriano Pesaro (Brazil), Mrs. Viviane Teitelbaum, MP (Belgium) and encourages them to seek the participation of additional members to ensure balanced regional, gender and ideological representation; and asks for the continued service of its founding chairman, Lord Janner of Braunstone, QC (UK), and its *president emeritus*, Rep. Gary L. Ackerman (U.S.A.).