

UN Approves Resolution Condemning Holocaust Denial, Antisemitism

The U.N. General Assembly adopted a resolution on Thursday that condemns Holocaust denial and urges all countries and social media platforms to fight antisemitism.

The timely action becomes the first Israeli sponsored resolution passed by the U.N. General Assembly in 17 years and only the second in Israel's history. The resolution, backed by dozens of countries, calls for: "action to combat Holocaust denial and distortion as antisemitism continues to surge globally."

A key element calls on social media giants such as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and Twitter to remove any offensive content of this nature from their platforms. Israel's U.N. ambassador cited a report showing the failure of social media companies in dealing with complaints about antisemitic content, including Facebook which dealt with only 11% of the posts.

The resolution, which was strongly supported by Israel and Germany, was approved on the 80th anniversary of the Wannsee Conference in Berlin, when Nazi leaders met to discuss plans for Hitler's "Final Solution to the Jewish Question." The result was the murder of 6 million Jews in Nazi death camps.

It uses the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of Holocaust denial and urges countries and social media giants "to take active measures to combat antisemitism and Holocaust denial or distortion."

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