

TAND UP TO THE UN'S ANTI-ISRAEL DOUBLE STANDAR



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Dear Friend,

There are 193 member states of the United Nations. One of them has been the target of more condemnations from the UN Human Rights Council than any other nation.

That nation stands so permanently accused that the Council devotes a permanent agenda item to investigating it—the only nation so targeted.

Which nation might you guess that would be?

Perhaps one of the world's worst abusers of human rights. Iran, which hangs children from cranes? No, it is not Iran. Syria? No, Syria, whose government has slaughtered hundreds of thousands of its own people, is not the permanent target of investigation either. Nor is it Saudi Arabia, which flogs bloggers for criticizing the regime—and has a seat on the UN Human Rights Council through 2016.

So which nation is so reviled, so accused of serial human rights violations that the nations of the world are effectively divided in two—this nation, which is permanently investigated, and everyone else?

Israel.

This is not a Human Rights Council. It is a Human Wrongs Council.

The irony is startling. The United Nations was formed in the aftermath of World War II and the Holocaust. Six million Jews had been annihilated.

Propelled by the vision of world peace first set forth by the Hebrew prophets, the UN even inscribed the words of biblical prophet Isaiah outside its headquarters: "Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they learn war anymore..."

Yet some nations have abused the mechanisms of the UN to demonize Israel on the world stage. <u>That's why I'm writing on behalf of the organization that has the global scale and diplomatic influence to fight for Israel at this vital moment: AJC.</u>

American Jewish Committee (AJC) has a long record of achieving results precisely because we combine public advocacy with high-level diplomacy that is based on years of relationships around the world. We've been called the "State Department of the Jewish People." Today, as some UN member states relentlessly harass Israel, our work takes on special urgency.

The most recent unhappy episode is a report to the UN Human Rights Council by the UN's "special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories"—that is a full-time, permanent position—saying that Israel is using excessive force against Palestinians.

The rapporteur all but explains terrorism away by contextualizing it amid "illegal" Jewish settlements and a Gaza blockade described as a "stranglehold."

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Instead of emphasizing that Israel faced regular terrorist attacks since the fall of 2015, the report makes only cursory mention of the dozens of Israelis murdered in such assaults. And instead of an unqualified condemnation of terror, we get a claim that "[t]he upsurge in violence is a grim reminder of the unsustainable human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the volatile environment it engenders."

This apology for terrorism—which nearly blames Jews for their own murders—is nonsense. The only people to blame for terrorism are the terrorists who kill Jews with knives, guns, and cars. Yet that is not the conclusion the UN Human Rights Council will reach.

Under its special "Agenda Item Seven," the Council devotes exclusive time at each meeting to harassing Israel (something not accorded to any other nation)—the only democracy in the region, the only country that routinely respects human rights, and certainly the only country with the courage to investigate itself when things go wrong.

Sadly, the UN Human Rights Council falls for any condemnation of Israel. <u>Let's make sure the world</u> doesn't.

AJC is fighting to get the truth about Israel out to the world. As part of that effort, we published the enclosed full-page ad in *The Wall Street Journal* condemning the UN for its hypocrisy. Each year during the UN General Assembly session, we hold high-level talks with prominent heads of state and other top officials from more than 75 countries.

When we call on a foreign minister and raise these issues, he or she listens because we speak for countless American Jews who will not relent until the concerns of our fellow Jews are heard and heeded.

The ads we take out in newspapers have impact because it's not just our voice talking: it's yours and those of so many other Jews who join together with AJC. When we speak out at global forums like the UN, we are heard because you speak with us.

So, we need your help. First, sign the enclosed petition to the UN Human Rights Council demanding that it end "Agenda Item Seven," which enables permanent harassment of Israel, alone among the nations. Second, rush a generous contribution of \$30, \$50, \$100 or even \$500 to AJC so we can make certain that the Council's bias does not go unanswered before the public.

And please take these steps <u>today</u>. The UN Human Rights Council regularly garners headlines with its attacks on Israel. We must, with a sense of real urgency and immediacy, raise our voices in Israel's defense.

Sincerely,

David Harris

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P.S. Israel is the only nation on earth that is the subject of a special UN Human Rights Council agenda item, and the only nation that is routinely denied its sovereign right of self-defense. Please help AJC counter propaganda with truth. Please sign the enclosed petition and make a generous contribution to support our work today.

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How the UN Divides the World

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The UN was founded 70 years ago on the principle of equality of all states, regardless of size. But it has treated one country differently—and unjustly.

For example, the UN Human Rights Council has issued more condemnations of Israel than of all other member states combined. It even dedicates an entire agenda item to

scrutinizing Israel—the only state so segregated.

Democratic Israel has no chance to serve on the 47-member Council, even as the worst human rights offenders on the planet are among those judging Israel. Clearly, the UN has defaulted on its founding commitment to the "sovereign equality" of all member states.

IF YOU'RE AS OUTRAGED AS WE ARE, PLEASE JOIN US IN TAKING ACTION.

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TO: Choi Kyong-lim, President of the UN Human Rights Council				
As an advocate of AJC, I am appalled that of all the nations in the world—including many serial abusers of human rights—the UN Human Rights Council chooses to devote a standing agenda item, Agenda Item Seven, to only one nation: democratic Israel. This is profoundly unfair. More important, it distorts and undermines the noble purpose of what should be, and still can be, a powerful force for human rights, which was one of the founding principles of the United Nations. But it cannot be as long as the only state the UN chooses to harass as a rule is the Jewish State. Agenda Item Seven should be eliminated, and the Council should devote its investigative energy to the real abusers of human rights around the world.				
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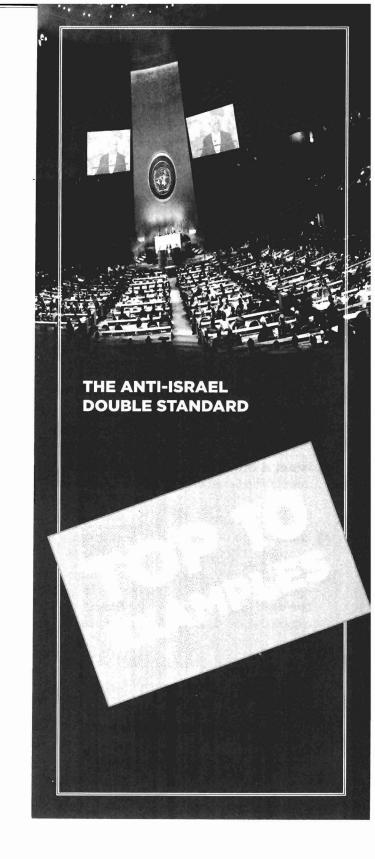
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THE ANTI-ISRAEL DOUBLE STANDARD:

TOP 10 EXAMPLES

- **1 Israel is the only** UN member state whose right to exist is under constant challenge.
- **2 Israel is the only** UN member state that has been targeted for annihilation by another UN member state—Iran.
- **3 Israel is the only** nation whose capital city, Jerusalem, is not recognized by other nations.
- 4 The UN has two agencies dealing with the world's refugees and one of them deals only with the Palestinians.
- **5 Israel is the only** country that has won all its major wars for survival, yet is confronted by defeated adversaries insisting on dictating the terms of peace.
- **6 Israel is the only** country in the world that is the target of a standing, designated agenda item at the UN Human Rights Council.
- **7 Israel was the only** country condemned by name in 2016 at the World Health Organization's annual assembly as a "violator" of health rights.
- **8 Israel is the only** country targeted daily by three UN bodies established for the sole purpose of advancing the Palestinian cause and bashing Israel.
- **9 Israel is the only** country targeted annually by up to 20 UN General Assembly resolutions.
- **10** Israel, rather than actual violators of human rights like North Korea or Saudi Arabia, **is the only** country targeted by the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement.



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