

EAJC ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 2/2021

**Israel, Herzliya,
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EURO-ASIAN JEWISH CONGRESS,

STAYING COMMITTED AND ACTING IN THE SPIRIT of the resolution of the World Jewish Congress on the preservation of historical truth;

RECALLS prior resolutions dealing with Holocaust denial and distortion, including PA 1704 –1; GB 1811 – 5; GB 1905 - 3, and the WJC's ongoing commitment to combat both the glorification of Nazi collaborators and Holocaust distortion or outright denial;

CONSIDERS the commitment of the VEK and the EAJC to counter any form of glorification of Nazi collaborators, accomplices, distortion of the Holocaust or direct denial of it;

REJECTS any participation or any other activity that can be regarded as such participation or tacit consent in the rewriting of historical truth;

REJECTS any practices that enable the rewriting of historical truth as a practice whereby objective facts are purposely and deliberately manipulated to promote a distorted and false national narrative, for example, by minimizing the scope of the Holocaust, and local participation in Nazi crimes, or by glorifying Nazi collaborators as heroes because of their purported contributions to the struggle for national liberation;

STATES unequivocally that the glorification of any historical figure who endorsed or supported Nazism or subscribed to an antisemitic political ideology advancing the platforms of National Socialist (Nazi) or other antisemitic parties or movements, especially during and after the Nazi era, is unacceptable and all such individuals are to be strongly condemned;

UNDERLINES the fact that Holocaust distortion and outright denial, which has historically been used as a tool to promote and institutionalize antisemitism, continues to be spread via traditional platforms and even more rapidly and extensively via online platforms;

NOTES WITH ALARM that the distortion of historical truth has gained significant support among certain political movements as well as some governments, notably in post-Communist Europe, where the glorification of former local Nazi collaborators is used in the present day as a means of whitewashing the history of the destruction of Jewish communities and individuals and as a tool to achieve other political goals;

RECALLS that while the intentions of nationalist movements in the distortion of historical facts, especially in post-Communist Europe, are primarily used to present their own history in a more favorable light rather than explicitly intending to promote antisemitic or racist policy objectives, such distortions invariably lead to Holocaust distortion and other false pseudo-historical narratives which not only cause harm to the Jewish people, but are also posing a potential existence threat to them;

COMMENDS those historians and scholars around the world who have contributed to correcting such false narratives and calls upon all nations to protect academic freedom;

CALLS on the authorities of the nation-states in the regions where the EAJC operates to recognize the importance of the historical accuracy of their own national narratives, encouraging objective historical research rather than the politicization of national identity and history to the detriment of minority communities and individuals;

CALLS on international organizations and governments to defend historical truth, to adopt a working definition of Holocaust denial and distortion as formulated by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA); tell stories based on proven facts; encourage citizens to critically examine collective national memory so that future generations can avoid a repeat of aggression and violence.