

Motion

the fractions of CDU/CSU, SPD, FDP and BÜNDNIS 90/DIE GRÜNEN

Resolutely oppose the BDS movement - fight anti-Semitism

The Bundestag wants to decide:

I. The German Bundestag states:

The German Bundestag unalterably acknowledges its promise to condemn and combat anti-Semitism in all its forms, and expressly reaffirms the motion of the CDU/CSU, SPD, FDP and BÜNDNIS 90/DIE GRÜNEN "Fighting anti-Semitism resolutely" of 17 January 2018.

According to the working definition of the International Alliance for Holocaust Remembrance, anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews that can express itself as hatred of Jews. Anti-Semitism is directed in word or deed against Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, as well as against Jewish community institutions or religious institutions. Furthermore, the State of Israel, which is understood as a Jewish collective, may also be the target of such attacks.

There is no legitimate justification for anti-Semitic attitudes. The decisive, unconditional no to hatred of Jews of any nationality is part of the German reason of state. Anti-Semitism, with its murderous consequences, has proved to be the most devastating form of group-related misanthropy in the history of our country and throughout Europe, and is still a threat today both to people of the Jewish faith and to our liberal-democratic basic order. It is unacceptable that anti-Semitism has increased in recent years and that the Jewish community is increasingly insecure.

Whoever defames people because of their Jewish identity, wants to restrict their freedom of movement, questions the right of the Jewish and democratic state of Israel to exist or Israel's right to defend itself, will meet with our resolute resistance. Through a special historical responsibility, Germany is committed to Israel's security. Israel's security is part of our country's reason of state. We are sticking to the two-state solution, as the United Nations Security Council has reaffirmed in numerous resolutions: a Jewish democratic state of Israel and an independent, democratic and viable Palestinian state.

For years, the "Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions" movement (abbreviated BDS) has also been calling in Germany for a boycott against Israel, against Israeli goods and services, Israeli artists, scientists and athletes. The call for an all-encompassing boycott leads in its radicalism to the branding of Israeli citizens of the Jewish faith as a whole. This is unacceptable and must be strongly condemned.

The argumentation patterns and methods of the BDS movement are anti-Semitic. The calls of the campaign to boycott Israeli artists as well as stickers on Israeli trade goods, which are supposed to prevent their purchase, are also reminiscent of the most terrible phase in German history. "Don't Buy" stickers of the BDS movement on Israeli products inevitably evoke associations with the Nazi slogan "Don't buy from Jews" and the corresponding graffiti on facades and shop windows.

The German Bundestag condemns all anti-Semitic statements and assaults that are formulated as alleged criticism of the policies of the State of Israel, but are actually expressions of hatred for Jewish people and their religion, and will resolutely oppose them.

II The German Bundestag welcomes,

that many municipalities have already decided to refuse financial support to the BDS movement or groups pursuing the objectives of the campaign and to allocate municipal space.

III The German Bundestag decides,

1. to once again resolutely oppose any form of anti-Semitism as it arises and to condemn the BDS campaign and the call for a boycott of Israeli goods or companies as well as of Israeli scientists, artists or sportsmen and sportswomen;
2. not to make premises and facilities under the administration of the Bundestag available to any organizations that express themselves in an anti-Semitic manner or question Israel's right to exist. The German Bundestag calls on the Federal Government not to support any events organised by the BDS movement or by groups actively pursuing its aims;
3. continue unabated its support for the Federal Government and the Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the fight against anti-Semitism, both in prevention and in the decisive fight against anti-Semitism and all forms of extremism;
4. not to financially support any organizations that question Israel's right to exist;
5. not to financially support any projects which call for a boycott of Israel or which actively support the BDS movement;
6. to call on Länder, cities and municipalities and all public actors to join this position.

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