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Positive Environment for Jews at the United Nations Heralded

General Assembly President Addresses World Jewish Congress Steering Committee

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President Jan Eliasson of Sweden told a gathering of the most prominent Jewish leaders from around the world today that for the first time in recent memory, there exists a genuinely positive environment for Jews in the General Assembly.

“I am pleased to be meeting with the Security Council of the Jewish people,” said Eliasson as he addressed members of the World Jewish Congress Steering Committee. Eliasson pointed to the first ever Israeli Vice President of the General Assembly and to the serious consideration of a resolution commemorating the Holocaust as evidence that the mood in the General Assembly was changing.

“We are heartened by President Eliasson’s good will and by the promise of change in the General Assembly, but much remains to be done for the United Nations to remove the ugly stains of anti-Semitism and demonization of Israel that have become its hallmarks,” said Edgar M. Bronfman, President of the World Jewish Congress.

The World Jewish Congress Steering Committee is convening in New York today for its fifth meeting in twelve months. The group, comprised of the democratically

elected leaders of Jewish communities and institutions from around the world is considering matters that include policy, governance, finance and administration.

The members of the World Jewish Congress Steering Committee are:

- Edgar M. Bronfman, President, World Jewish Congress
- Israel Singer, Chairman, World Jewish Congress Governing Board
- Mendel Kaplan, Chairman, World Jewish Congress Executive
- Pierre Besnainou, President, European Jewish Congress
- Mattityahu Droblas, Chairman, World Jewish Congress Israel Branch
- Alexander Mashkevitch, President, Euro-Asian Jewish Congress
- Evelyn Sommer, President, North American Jewish Congress
- Jack Terpins, President, Latin American Jewish Congress
- Ze'ev Bielski, Chairman, World Zionist Organization / Jewish Agency for Israel
- Eduardo Elzstain, Treasurer, World Jewish Congress
- Stephen E. Herbits, Secretary General, World Jewish Congress, reporting to the Steering Committee

About the World Jewish Congress

The World Jewish Congress is an international organization whose mission is to address the interests and needs of Jews and Jewish communities throughout the world. The core principle of the World Jewish Congress is that all Jews are responsible for one another. They seek to achieve this by governing with consensus and celebrating unity in our vast diversity. As they have been for nearly three quarters of a century, the World Jewish Congress continues to be the permanent address of the Jewish people.

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