

## **B'nai B'rith has issued the following statement:**

B'nai B'rith hopes Bulgarian Foreign Minister Nikolay Mladenov's meeting with the European Union Foreign Affairs Council yesterday to discuss the Burgas report will result in designating Hezbollah as a terrorist organization throughout Europe.

Mladenov briefed the council on the findings of the report that holds Hezbollah responsible for the July 2012 attack in Burgas that left five Israeli tourists and one Bulgarian dead, while wounding 30 others.

When asked by reporters if he believes Hezbollah should be named a terrorist organization by the EU, Mladenov replied: "Given the fact that we've already made quite firm statements about where we believe the responsibility for that attack lies, I think the answer is quite obvious."

According to various news reports, there is no official timetable for the EU by which to reach a decision on Hezbollah's designation. The council and other EU officials will examine the Burgas report and then bring it to a debate. A unanimous vote is needed to classify Hezbollah as a terrorist organization.

B'nai B'rith will continue to urge EU officials and other interested parties to name Hezbollah for what it truly is—a violent and dangerous organization whose acts of terror have been carried out on three continents.