



B'nai B'rith Europe

Mr. Robert de Groot,
Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the E.U.
Kortenberglaan 4-10,
1040 Brussels, Belgium

Brussels, February 18th 2022

Dear Ambassador,

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of B'nai B'rith Europe.

B'nai B'rith Europe is the oldest Jewish organization dedicated to fighting antisemitism, racism and promoting a tolerant and inclusive society throughout the world. We are represented in 23 European countries and in particular in the Netherlands.

The Rights Forum's instruction to the administrators of more than 12 Dutch universities to ask their staff to list their interactions with Israeli and Jewish organizations, under the pretext of the 1991 law, is outrageous and refers to discriminatory measures from another time.

Asking for documents or information about "institutional links with Israeli universities, institutions and companies and with organizations that propagate support for the State of Israel" is not only a clear sign of antisemitism but also a disgrace to all Dutch academic institutions.

As President of B'nai B'rith Europe, I would like to ask the Dutch government to publicly condemn the initiative of The Rights Forum.

On behalf of all the members of B'nai B'rith Europe as well as on my own behalf, I urge you to do everything in your power to ensure that this shameful request for documents or information on "institutional links with Israeli universities, institutions and companies and with organizations that propagate support for the State of Israel" is officially cancelled and not simply suspended, as some universities want it to be.

The mere fact of such a request for names, which is certainly antisemitic and represents a violent aggression against all Jewish communities in Europe must stop.

The initiators of this hateful initiative and those who supported it must, without delay, officially cancel this request and make a public apology to the Jewish communities in the Netherlands.

Respectfully yours,

Serge Dahan,
President
B'nai B'rith Europe