



## Strategic Forum for Leaders of Ibero-American Jewish Communities

### SANTIAGO DECLARATION

We, the participants of the Strategic Forum for Leaders of Ibero-American Jewish Communities convened in Santiago, Chile, by the Belfer Institute for Latino and Latin American Affairs of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) from December 3 to 5, 2023.

1.- Reaffirm our commitment to the fight against antisemitism. We urge the governments of our countries to strengthen their efforts to confront this scourge through the most effective educational and legal instruments, including the promulgation and/or expansion of existing legislation combating discrimination and incitement to hatred; adoption of the Holocaust Remembrance International Alliance's (IHRA) Definition of Antisemitism; and designation of Hamas and Hezbollah as terrorist organizations, following the example of the Organization of American States.

2.- Express our condolences for the civilian lives taken by Hamas' terrorism and support the right of the State of Israel to legitimately defend its borders and its citizens. In this sense, we urge our countries and the international community to put pressure on Hamas and its collaborators for the continued release of the remaining hostages kidnapped since that fateful October 7.

3.- Urge that once calm is restored in Gaza and in all of Israel, novel ways are defined to guarantee the security of the Jewish State in the face of regional threats. Likewise, we express our desire that the Abraham Accords be strengthened and the circle of peace in the Middle East continue to expand.

4.- Endorse our unwavering commitment to democratic values, human rights, and the fight against all types of discrimination.

5.- Reiterate our willingness to help promote collaboration and coordination between our states and institutions to guarantee the optimal development of Jewish communities in Ibero-America as integral and enriching parts of each society to which they belong.

Santiago de Chile, December 5, 2023