

Hungary First EU Country to Announce It Won't Be Attending Anti-Semitic UN Durban Event

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In 2001, the UN held a "World Conference Against Racism," known as the Durban Conference after the city in South Africa where it was held. Contrary to its stated purpose, the 2001 Durban Conference was marked by displays of intolerance, antisemitism, and baseless claims against the Jewish state, including the first appearance of the charge, by now spread worldwide, that Israel is an "apartheid" state. Israel was singled out in the conference's concluding declaration, and at the NGO Forum held in parallel. In 2001 and thereafter, the Durban process has been used to promote racism, intolerance,

antisemitism and Holocaust denial, and to erode freedom of speech and Israel's right to exist.

A preliminary resolution at Durban I contained the charge that "Zionism is racism," which led Israel and the United States to pull out of the conference altogether. Mary Robinson, the Secretary-General of the Durban Conference, refused to accept the Declaration adopted by the Conference, claiming that the language of the resolution was intolerable; she said that "there was horrible antisemitism present."

Durban IV, which will be held this September, will endorse this perversion of the principles of anti-racism. As world leaders gather for the General Assembly's annual opening, this one-day event plans to adopt a "political declaration" calling for the "full and effective implementation" of the Durban Declaration. That means adopting all sorts of anti-Israel measures, beginning with attempts to damage Israel's economy through BDS – boycotts, disinvestment, and sanctions. Attempts will again be made to further delegitimize the Jewish state, to blacken its image by charging it with cruelly mistreating the Palestinians, to ignore both the provisions of the Palestine Mandate and U.N. Resolution 242, in order to pressure Israel into yielding the territory – formulaically and wrongly described as "occupied" – that it won in the Six-Day War in 1967, including East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and the Golan Heights, in order that the Jewish state be squeezed back within the 1949 Armistice Lines, with a nine-mile-wide waist from Qalqilya to the sea.

Now the one-day Durban IV event is to be held this September, and decent countries, one by one, are declaring their intention not to attend an event celebrating the 20th anniversary of that swamp of antisemitism, Durban I. A report on some states that so far have chosen not to take part, so, is here: "Hungary takes EU lead in announcing boycott of upcoming Durban conference," by Lahav Harkov, [Jihad Watch](#).