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## Recognizing Panama's Commitment to Fighting Antisemitism: Congratulatory Letter from the Global Coalition Partners of the Combat Antisemitism Movement

To H.E. Minister Tewaney Mencomo,

On behalf of the Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) and all the partners listed below, we would like to express our deepest appreciation for the Republic of Panama's adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism.

With this important move, Panama is now among the 42 nations to have embraced a leadership role in the fight against antisemitism and recognized the IHRA definition as the most authoritative and comprehensive tool to delineate and take action to counter all forms of contemporary Jew-hatred.

At a time of rising antisemitism worldwide, we hope more countries, both in Latin America and across the globe, will emulate this vital step you have taken to stand against bigotry and prejudice and promote social tolerance and harmony.

Moreover, Panama's historical commitment to supporting the Jewish people and its dedication to fostering tolerance and respect for all cultures and religions are truly commendable. Your nation's compassion and humanitarian efforts during the Second World War, when it provided refuge and assistance to Jewish refugees escaping persecution in Europe, serve as a testament to Panama's unwavering commitment to human rights and compassion.

We pledge our continued support and collaboration with Panama in this crucial endeavor. Together, we can create a world where all individuals, regardless of their faith or background, can live without fear of discrimination and hatred.

Once again, please accept our sincerest gratitude for your country's commitment to combating antisemitism. We are hopeful that Panama's example will inspire other nations, not only in Latin America but worldwide, to follow suit and take a stand against hatred in all its forms.

Sincerely,

The Global Coalition Partners of the Combat Antisemitism Movement

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