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United States Mission to the OSCE

Release of Report on Contemporary Global Anti-Semitism

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The State Department Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combating Anti-Semitism released on March 13th a report on Contemporary Global Anti-Semitism. The primary purpose of this report is to provide information to the U.S. Congress. This report is a follow-up to the State Department's January 2005 Report on Global Anti-Semitism. It reflects the United States' deep commitment to take a strong stand against growing anti-Semitism around the world.

The report is thematic in nature and, using illustrative examples of contemporary forms of anti-Semitism, provides a broad overview of anti-Semitic incidents, discourse and trends. The report covers anti-Semitism in both government and private media, and within the United Nations system. It concludes with a review of governmental and nongovernmental efforts to combat the problem.

The report is meant to serve as a resource for increasing understanding of contemporary forms of anti-Semitism and for shaping strategies to combat this growing problem worldwide.

The report on Contemporary Global Anti-Semitism is available at this State Department website: http://www.state.gov/g/drl/seas.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.