

STATEMENT ON THE EUROPEAN JEWISH PARLIAMENT INITIATIVE

We have lately been approached by an organization named the European Jewish Union, regarding an initiative of creating a European Jewish parliament, through internet voting of some kind.

We understand that behind this organization and this initiative are two private businessmen from Ukraine.

Due to some confusion that was created recently around this idea, we wish to make it clear. We, the democratically elected organizations representing our communities are not connected in any way to this initiative and do not support it.

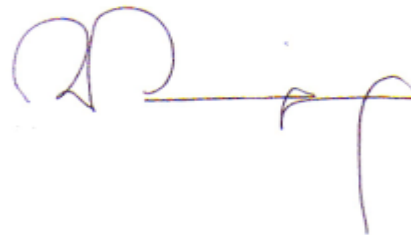
The European Jewish communities have been represented for many years by their elected communal organizations and on the pan European level are represented by the European Jewish Congress.

We are all focusing today on the important issues concerning Jewish life in Europe and worldwide, such as the fight against anti-Semitism, protecting our religious rights, working to improve the image of Israel in Europe and to counter the delegitimization of Israel, addressing the Iranian threat and many others. These are our priorities today! As the EJC, together with its affiliates, we are working on a daily and permanent basis to unify our efforts and combine our joint actions.

Any initiative to divide or misrepresent us or our communities by individuals could disturb the current equilibrium between the communities, built on years of hard work and cooperation, and as such is completely rejected.




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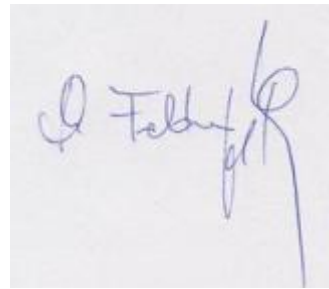
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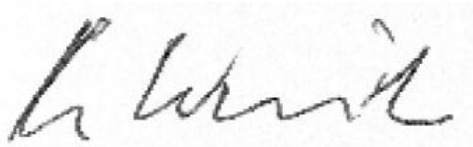
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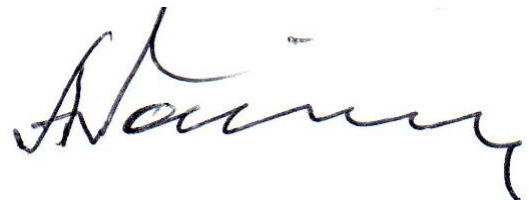
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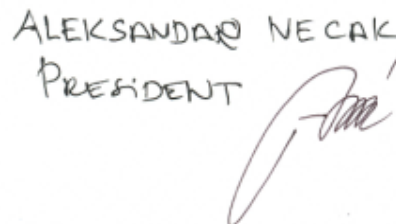
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