

September 2011

## Will Germany remain on the side of Israel?

In our current prayer letter for September there is a section on "Israel under pressure". In the meantime the UN General Assembly in New York has been brought forward by one week to September 13<sup>th</sup>. The unilateral declaration of the Palestinian areas to become a nation state is still to be proposed during the session.

What however has by-passed public notice is that, by the decision of Foreign Minister Westerwelle, Germany will take part in a clearly anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli conference on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, following on from the General Assembly, which will be called "Durban III".

The Jerusalem Post reported on August 24<sup>th</sup>:

*"Will Germany's diplomats participate in an anti-Israel UN Durban III commemoration conference? The slated Durban III event, which pays tribute to the Durban I political document attacking Israel, will take place on September 22 in New York City.*

*The first UN anti-racism conference held in Durban, South Africa, in 2001 degenerated into a pro-racism and anti-Semitic event, in which participants circulated flyers with Hitler's photo, which stated 'What if I had won? The good thing: there would be no Israel.'*"

Australia, The Netherlands, Canada, Israel, USA, and the Czech Republic have already refused to attend because the previous conference under the pretext of a "world conference against racism" was clearly directed against Israel. (For more information see: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World\\_Conference\\_against\\_Racism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Conference_against_Racism))

The Jerusalem Post further reports:

*"What makes Germany's pro-Durban position so vexing for critics is Chancellor Angela Merkel's oft-repeated declaration that Israel's security interests are "non-negotiable" for the Federal Republic.*

*Germany's plan to move forward with its participation in Durban III prompted Dieter Graumann, the head of Germany's 105,000-member Jewish community, to urge Westerwelle on Monday to not take part in this 'disgusting show trial'.*

*Graumann went public with his frustration and criticism because Westerwelle failed to respond to a letter from Germany's Central Council of Jews complaining about the Foreign Ministry's position toward Durban III.*

*'But Germany has been silent so far', said Graumann. He called on Westerwelle to not join the 'festival of hostility towards Jews', adding that 'Germany must not give this hate campaign the appearance of legitimacy.'*"

Until now Foreign Minister Westerwelle has defended the planned participation of Germany in the conference, saying that Germany wants to prevent a unilateral condemnation of Israel. The participation of Germany alone would be a serious deviation from its policy of solidarity with Israel. Instead Germany would sit at the same table as the Holocaust-denier Ahmadinejad, who in his speech at the last conference accused Israel of being the "most gruesome and racist regime". "Zionism" is "racism personified". "Zionists and their allies" were behind the Iraq war. "Zionism" is the equivalent of "racism" and therefore Israel was censured as a "racist country".

### Prayer:

- **We call out to God that He will not allow our Foreign Minister to alienate Israel from Germany by agreeing to participate. (Psalm 130 v.1)**
- **Proclaim over Germany that God has called us to stand firmly on the side of Israel and we resolutely reject all plans of the enemy that would set our politicians against Israel. (Isaiah 62 v.6-7)**
- **We pray for all the friends of Israel in our land (politicians, journalists) to rise up to build public pressure for the participation of Germany in the Durban III conference to be cancelled.**
- **Pray that many more nations will refuse to attend the Durban III conference. (Psalm 129)**

*God's blessings from  
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## ZEIT ONLINE

6:15 pm on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011

### Germany is boycotting anti-racism conference

The global conference against racism [a.k.a. Durban X] has been used many times for anti-Semitic tirades against Israel. **Germany is therefore staying away once again.**

## Praise the Lord !