A CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO DEFEAT ANTI-SEMITISM AND STAND WITH ISRAEL:

Please write

President-Elect Obama and Secretary of State-Designate Clinton

NOW!



On November 19, 2008 Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni stated:

"Israel will not participate and will not legitimize the [Durban] Review Conference, which will be used as a platform for further anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic activity. We call upon the international community not to participate"

The United States Should not Attend Any Aspect of the Anti-Semitic Durban II Conference

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Join us in calling for the United States to say YES to racial and religious equality and freedom from anti-semitism by saying NO to attending the United Nations Durban II Conference. A 2008 U.S. State Department report on global anti-semitism *highlighted* the malicious role played by the 2001 United Nations Durban I Conference.

Durban I was, INTHEORY, intended to be an "anti-racism" conference. It was, in practice, anything but... Durban I ended just three days before 9/11. So deeply disturbed that the conference was hijacked by global *harbingers of hate*, that the United States and Israeli delegations walked out on principle *in protest*.

The agenda for Durban II?

Scheduled for April 2009 the stated purpose of Durban II is to "further the implementation of the (2001) Durban Declaration."

What does the Durban Declaration declare?

That ISRAEL, and ONLY ISRAEL, is guilty of racism.

And who sits on the Planning Committee for the Durban II Conference?



CHAIRPERSON – LIBYA Muammar Al-Gaddafi



VICE-CHAIRPERSON – IRAN Mahmoud Ahmadinejad



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Make no mistake, this conference will <u>not</u> combat racism, but will promote and *fuel hatred* toward Israel, America and the free world. This conference will not be about the spread of *free expression*, but how to curb it.

The United States has always been a world leader in the battle against anti-semitism.

We walked away once in **protest**... let us now stay away on **principle**.

Today, there is an *immediate* way to act *against* growing *anti-semitism* around the world...*say no to Durban II*. Declare that the United States *will not participate* in a dialogue that promotes prejudice.

The United States has consistently opposed Durban II, its funding and planning. The latest October 2008 documents from the Planning Committee confirm that the Durban II platform will be used to demonize Israel and launch an attack on free speech.

We ask President-elect Obama and Secretary of State-designate Clinton to take the next step and deny legitimacy to Durban II.

We urge the United States to join the lead of Canada and Israel by announcing now that the U.S. will not fund or attend Durban II. Please make your views known—WRITETOTHE PRESIDENT-ELECT, SECRETARY OF STATE DESIGNATE AND OTHERS—tell them to say no NOW, that America DECLINES to participate in the upcoming Durban II International Hatefest.

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^{*} Resigned in protest from the group of eminent personalities before Durban I.