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Subject: FRA survey on discrimination and hate crime against Jews, and annual Antisemitism Update report

Dear Director Nemitz,

On 8 November 2013, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) will present the first comparable figures on Jewish people’s experiences of antisemitic harassment, discrimination and hate crime in the EU (covering the eight EU Member States with significant Jewish populations). The findings are complemented by FRA’s annual "Antisemitism Overview", which brings together statistical data on antisemitic incidents collected by governmental and non-governmental sources.

Key findings:
- 66% of respondents consider antisemitism to be a major problem in their countries, while 76% said the situation had become more acute over the last five years.
- 21% of all respondents have experienced an antisemitic incident or incidents involving verbal insult, harassment or a physical attack in the 12 months preceding the survey.
- Under-reporting: 76% of victims of antisemitic harassment did not report the most serious incident to the police or any other organisation.
- Under-recording: limited data-collection mechanisms in many EU Member States mean that antisemitic attacks remain under-recorded.
- Three-quarters of respondents consider online antisemitism to be a problem.

The findings show that that while sustained efforts have been made to combat antisemitism, the phenomenon is still widespread. The report contains concrete suggestions on how to develop targeted legal and policy responses, and aims to be a vital tool for EU decision makers and community groups.

All data will be accessible online from the day of the launch via a data visualisation tool on the FRA website.
The FRA stands ready to support the formulation of responses to phenomena of antisemitism and other forms of intolerance. Together with other FRA reports on hate crime, above findings will be discussed with key stakeholders at the forthcoming Fundamental Rights Conference in Vilnius on 12-13 November 2013.

We hope that you will find the information and analysis captured in these reports of use in your work.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Director

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- Report: Discrimination and hate crime against Jews in EU Member States: experiences and perceptions of antisemitism
- Technical report
- Antisemitism Overview
- Factsheet