

Dear Stephen

Thank you for your acknowledgement of the ECAJ letter of 29 May 2006 and the attached Resolutions of 25 May 2006. My Committee has received a copy of your email and will receive this response.

It would appear you have misunderstood their contents. The ECAJ is firmly of the view that these communications must be distributed and I draw your attention to the final paragraph of the Resolution which reads:

"FINALLY RESOLVES that after this Resolution has been communicated in writing to the Secretary General of the WJC, the ECAJ will publish this Resolution and any reasons in support of it, including to members of the WJC."

I would urge you to distribute the letter and Resolution to members of the WJC Steering Committee and all WJC member communities as quickly as possible in order that they be aware of their contents before reading about our release in the Jewish media. I would expect you will be hearing from this media quite soon.

I must stress that we have arrived at our Resolution strictly on the basis of what we believe is in the best interests of the WJC and the world Jewish communities it serves. We want very much to be part of a properly governed, well resourced and focused WJC. Our feelings are adequately summarised by the quote from Mr. Abrams, the former New York Attorney-General retained by the WJC who in commenting on the NYAG's report said:

"[t]he time for detractors and critics is behind us, and we should all focus on doing what it is necessary to carry out the WJC's central mission, helping our brothers and sisters around the globe."

If the WJC is genuine in its desire to see this matter concluded then we would urge that the Steering Committee immediately instruct you and the WJC attorneys to commence actions aimed at bringing the matter to a conclusion.

I repeat that the ECAJ stands ready to provide whatever assistance it can to achieve this outcome.

Regards
Grahame

-----Original Message-----

From: Herbits1@aol.com [mailto:Herbits1@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 30 May 2006 4:13 AM

To: president@ecaj.org.au

Subject: Your email of 5/29

Dear Grahame,

First, thank you again for your personal hospitality and arrangements for Melbourne.

This is to confirm that I have received your letter of 29 May 2006. I will share it with the WJC Steering Committee prior to their July meeting.

As you noted in your letter, further public exchange on this subject is harmful to all parties and does not benefit the Jewish people. I am hopeful that it will not become the subject of media stories with the possible outcome of hardening the positions of both parties.

As I have said in writing, on the telephone and in person to your Management Committee, the WJC is willing to enter settlement negotiations and put this matter to rest if we are able to negotiate a reasonable posture for both parties. I again ask that you and your Management Committee take an active role in facilitating such a solution.

I look forward to hearing of any developments in that vein and will certainly come back to you if I hear any.

All the best.

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