

Friday, 17 April 2008

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Boycott Durban II Petition

Dear Mr. President,

We are a non-governmental, non-profit, benevolence organisation headquartered in Jerusalem, with branch offices and representatives in some 80 nations. Our primary mandate is to serve as a “ministry of comfort” to Israel and the Jewish people worldwide, as a means for Christians to finally redress the lingering grievances which the Jewish people have against us due to the tragic history of Christian anti-Semitism. Here in the US, the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem is registered with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity.

In February 2009 we launched an online petition via the *Facebook* social networking site to draw attention to the upcoming United Nations Durban Review Conference in Geneva, having come to the conclusion that its agenda had been hijacked by some of the most egregious violators of human rights in the world. Furthermore, it appeared to us that the summit’s noble aspirations to combat racism had been sacrificed in a bid to appease the rising tide of hatred and intolerance directed at Israel and the Jewish people worldwide.

The petition calls on you to boycott the conference. We submit it now recognizing that according to the State Department statement of February 27, your administration will not be participating. We speak for each of the 4,712 signatories in expressing our gratitude for the stance you have taken on this important issue.

We do also recognize, however, that there are many voices both within the US and around the world arguing that US participation, even at this late stage, could salvage the Durban Review process. We do not agree. Furthermore, we contend that your decision to boycott the conference in its entirety demonstrates greater US leadership and moral clarity on the pressing issues of racism, discrimination and anti-Semitism facing the world today.

Yours Respectfully,



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