

**Question for written answer E-008160/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Common EU definition of anti-Semitism

The UK Home Affairs Committee has just released a report on 'Anti-Semitism in the UK'<sup>1</sup> which, among other recommendations, urges the British Government to adopt the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of anti-Semitism. Furthermore, the US Congress has presented a Bill on the 'Combating European Anti-Semitism Act of 2016' (H.R.6208)<sup>2</sup> which urges the United States Government, in light of the security challenges faced by European Jewish communities, to 'partner with European law enforcement agencies and civil society groups regarding the sharing of information and best practices to combat anti-Semitic incidents in Europe', and calls for annual reporting on 'efforts by European governments to adopt and apply a working definition of anti-Semitism'.

1. How and when will the Commission initiate a legal definition of anti-Semitism as an effective basis to enable law enforcement to combat it?
2. What is the Commission doing to push for other Member States to report on the situation with regard to anti-Semitism?
3. Does the Commission intend to partner with the US Government, in accordance with the Bill that has been presented, in order to ascertain any best practices that can be effectively used to combat anti-Semitism?

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[http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmhaff/136/136.pdf?utm\\_source=136&utm\\_campaign=modulereports&utm\\_medium=module](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmhaff/136/136.pdf?utm_source=136&utm_campaign=modulereports&utm_medium=module)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/6208/text?resultIndex=12>