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to the Commission
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Subject: Data collection on antisemitic incidents

Four years ago, on 1 June 2017, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on combating antisemitism, in which it called on the Member States and the EU institutions and agencies to adopt and apply the IHRA working definition on antisemitism. This was echoed by a Council declaration of 6 December 2018.

Yet in September 2020 the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) noted large gaps in data collection due to the use of different definitions, which prevented the FRA from making meaningful comparisons between Member States. Relevant stakeholders need to rely on robust data on antisemitic incidents in order to introduce more effective countermeasures.

The latest FRA survey among self-identified Jewish people was conducted in 2019. It is likely the situation for Jewish people in Europe has worsened since then.

The Commission has indicated that in 2021 it intends to present a strategy on combating antisemitism, which raises the following questions:

1. When exactly will the strategy be presented?
2. In light of the conclusion by the FRA, in what way(s) is the Commission ensuring that the strategy will be based on high-quality, up-to-date data on antisemitic incidents?
3. What measure(s) is the Commission taking to improve data collection from the Member States?