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## **United States ‘Strongly’ Opposes Anti-Israel U.N. Human Rights Council Agenda Item**

On March 20, the United States vowed to vote against any resolution at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) that is brought up under the “strongly and unequivocally” anti-Israel Agenda Item Seven. The U.S. State Department called the agenda item “another reminder of the body’s longstanding bias against Israel.” “No other nation has an entire agenda item dedicated to it at the Council. The continued existence of this agenda item is among the largest threats to the credibility of the Council,” said the State Department. “As an expression of our deeply-held conviction that this bias must be addressed in order for the Council to realize its legitimate purpose, the United States decided not to attend the Council’s Item Seven General Debate session. It does not serve the interests of the Council to single out one country in an unbalanced matter. Later this week, the United States will vote against every resolution put forth under this agenda item and is encouraging other countries to do the same.” The administration also condemned an anti-Israel report on March 17 released by the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.