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Susan Kadis is Shocked by the British Academics' Union Endorsement of a
Boycott of Israeli Academic Institutions

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Ottawa- Susan Kadis, M.P. for Thornhill is shocked and dismayed by the blatant anti-Semitism that was displayed by the United Kingdom University and College Union's (UCU) recent vote to endorse a boycott of Israeli academic institutions. "It is inconceivable that these professionals have again endorsed this appalling boycott. This act to single out Israel must be strongly condemned. I call on the UCU General Secretary, Sally Hunt to immediately call for a referendum of UCU members to overturn this extremist, and misguided boycott" Kadis remarked.

The boycott, endorsed by the UCU, calls upon British lecturers to "consider the moral implications of existing and proposed links with Israeli academic institutions." "There is absolutely no morality or credibility in placing a boycott on an entire country's academic institutions. The boycott is completely outrageous and will only perpetuate hatred and intolerance at the expense of freedom, understanding and intrinsic respect that academia has traditionally embraced," Kadis added.

This is the third time that the UCU has perpetuated one-sided, extremist resolutions against Israel. Previous resolutions were subsequently rescinded.

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