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Resolution denouncing former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad for the anti-Semitic remarks he recently made at The Islamic Summit Conference.

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Whereas, The Organization of the Islamic Conference was established by the leaders and governments of Islamic States in 1969; and
Whereas, Currently, there are 57 Islamic nations as members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, making it the largest Muslim organization in the world; and
Whereas, The Organization of the Islamic Conference recently held its 10th annual session of The Islamic Summit Conference in Putrajaya, Malaysia; and
Whereas, During the course of The Islamic Summit Conference, former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad made remarks that were offensive and hurtful towards Jewish people throughout the world, including the statement that "Jews rule this world by proxy. They get others to fight and die for them;" and
Whereas, Anti-Semitic remarks like those stated by Mr. Mahathir Mohamad contribute to a spirit of divisiveness and fear that may lead to increased hatred and violence against Jews; and
Whereas, Mr. Mahathir Mohamad's anti-Semitic remarks are contrary to the efforts of the United Nations and other nations around the world in their quest to bring about peace in the Middle East and harmony between Muslims and Jews; and
Whereas, Additionally, Mr. Mahathir Mohamad's anti-Semitic remarks are a grim reminder that sentiments like the ones he expressed have caused Jews all over the world to be displaced, persecuted and subjected to institutional bigotry, and led to the Holocaust, where six million Jews were executed at the hands of the Nazis; and
Whereas, Throughout history, the Jewish people have made vast contributions to the global community through their advancements in such fields as agriculture, finance, medicine, politics, religion, science, technology and the arts; and
Whereas, As the locally elected legislative body of the City of New York, the Council recognizes that people of Jewish descent are an integral part of the fabric and culture of our great City; now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York denounces former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad for the anti-Semitic remarks he recently made at The Islamic Summit Conference.

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