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Ambassador Mathhias Hopfner
Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
1 Waverley Street,
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Dear Ambassador Hopfner,

Statements made at the recent 'Third Transatlantic Conference on Common Solutions in the Middle East' held in Berlin are deeply disappointing.

According to reports, Iran's former deputy minister of foreign affairs, Dr. Muhammad Javad Ardashir Larijani stated that "the Zionist project" should be "cancelled". In addition, representatives of Syria, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia are said to have also "voiced brazen anti-Israeli statements".

To my knowledge, there has been no condemnation of these statements from the German Foreign Ministry, one of the main sponsors of the conference. If in fact true, it would be quite shameful of the German government to ignore such a travesty.

On behalf of our 25,000 Canadian members, we expect our concern to be shared with your government and a condemnation of the above noted statements to follow in short order. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Avi Benlolo
President and CEO, Canada

CC: Consul General, Holger Raasch