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USCCR to Call for End to Anti-Semitic Harassment

Panel to Decide Recommendations Directed to Campuses, Enforcement Entities, Others

- WHAT:** Meeting of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring and protecting civil rights.
- WHEN:** Monday, April 3, 2006, 2:00 PM EST Via Teleconference
- Public Call-In Number: 1-800-377-4872 (toll free). Access Code: 48734967
- Hearing Impairment Access (Federal Relay Service): 1-800-877-8339. (Note: Give the operator the conference call number and access code.)
- WHY:** Incidents of anti-Semitism on college campuses are widespread in the United States. Many include anti-Israel literature and promotion of Jewish stereotypes. Some evidence suggests that a number of Middle East studies departments inhibit legitimate debate on Israel and stifle the views of Jewish students. Is the government fulfilling its role to properly enforce laws and put an end to anti-Semitism on campus? What actions among academic leaders are necessary to bring about the equal treatment of all students? Based on factfinding conducted in November 2005, the Commission will decide its findings and recommendations.

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Campus anti-Semitism: Findings and Recommendations
- III. Future Business
- IV. Adjournment

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Gerald A. Reynolds, Vice Chairman Abigail Thernstrom, and Commissioners Jennifer C. Braceras, Peter N. Kirsanow, Arlan Melendez, Ashley L. Taylor, and Michael Yaki. Kenneth L. Marcus is Staff Director. Commission meetings are open to the media and general public.