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Der neue Antisemitismus

Nachtrag:

Als Nachtrag übersenden wir hiermit auch die Ergebnisse einer kürzlichen Eurobarometer Umfrage, die zu dem Ergebnis kommt, dass Europäer in Israel eine größere Gefahr für den Frieden sehen als im Iran oder Nordkorea. Die Ergebnisse sind in einem Artikel der *Agence France Press* vom 3. November zusammengefasst:

Agence France Presse

November 3, 2003 Monday

Outraged Israel says EU poll highlights "emotional gap"

BRUSSELS, Nov 3

Israel voiced outrage Monday over an opinion poll indicating that Europeans believe it is the biggest threat to world peace and urged European leaders to address the "emotional gap" it highlighted.

"Europeans seem blind to Israeli victims and suffering. Instead, they have put the Jewish state below the level of the worst pariah state and terror organizations," the Israeli embassy in Brussels said.

The EU survey showed that 59 percent of Europeans see Israel as a threat to world peace -- ahead of Iran, North Korea and the United States.

"We are not only sad but outraged. Not at European citizens, but at those who are responsible for forming public opinion. Israel's desperate struggle for peace and security for its people has been distorted beyond recognition in often one-sided and emotionally charged media coverage," it said.

It said Israel was among the few democracies in the Middle East in the frontline in the global fight against terrorism, and affirmed that it promotes free media "regardless of the heavy price it pays in European public opinion."

The survey's "sad and dangerous results show how big the emotional gap between Israel and Europe is," it said.

"Europe should do much more to enhance its dialogue with Israel," it said, adding that: "The outcome of this poll is not Israel's problem alone. Europe

must be the first to address this issue."