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**ANC-INTERNATIONAL ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE ARMENIANS OF JERUSALEM AND THE PATRIARCHATE**

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*The Armenian National Committee-International has issued a statement on the protection of the rights of the Armenians of Jerusalem and the Patriarchate.*

The statement reads as follows:

We are following with concern the steps taken by the Israeli police which violate the rights of the Jerusalem Armenian community and of the Armenian Patriarchate in the Armenian Quarter of Old Jerusalem. With these steps, the Israeli police are supporting the violence of the armed settlers and the employees of the other side of the fraudulently signed and problematic contract, violating the relevant international and local laws.

We have already declared that the settlement of the issue must be done exclusively on the basis of local and international laws, without the use of force or the threat of force. The violence and the complicity of the Israeli police must stop. The government of Israel must respect the rights of the Armenian Patriarchate and the Armenian community of Jerusalem with a clear stance and definite steps."

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