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## **EBF Sofia RESOLUTION**

### **on the funding of Christian Schools in Israel**

The European Baptist Federation Council meeting in Sofia - Bulgaria, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Acknowledges** the significant contribution of the Nazareth Baptist School to the Christian witness and high quality education offered by the 47 Christian schools in Israel over many years.

**Recognises** the positive influence these Christian schools have on their pupils, both Christian and Muslim, with a high proportion of graduates entering careers serving in the wider population of Israel, as highlighted in the speech given by Ayman Odeh in the Knesset, on September 21, 2015.

**Expresses** concern that extreme reductions in government funding, together with a limit on student fees put in place by the ministry of education, have left such schools in a fragile and unsustainable financial position.

**Calls on** the Israeli government to exercise justice in the crisis of Christian schools in Israel and to provide funding equal to that provided to other religious affiliated schools in the same category, such as Ultra-Orthodox Jewish schools.