

**PRESS RELEASE - FIRST POSITIVE MEETING BETWEEN  
INACH, LICRA AND FACEBOOK**

INACH (International Network Against Cyber Hate) & LICRA (International League Against Racism and Antisemitism) welcome the positive response from Facebook following the open letter they sent on July 23, 2009 to its CEO, Mark Zuckerberg, concerning the position taken by the Facebook related to online contents that deny the Holocaust.

Indeed, at a meeting held in Paris on July 28, 2009 on Facebooks initiative and in presence of Richard Allan, Facebook EU Director of policy, and Damien Vincent, Facebook representative in France, we were able to directly explain why Holocaust denial is by itself hate speech and a facet of antisemitism

INACH & LICRA reminded Facebook that as a consequence the access to all groups that denies the Holocaust should be barred in all countries, whatever their national legislation, (additionally) in order for Facebook to respect its own Statement of Rights and Responsibilities.

INACH & LICRA are hopeful that Facebook, which has pledged to quickly bring a constructive answer, will decide shortly to change its policy and will refuse in the future to participate in the spread of hate speech of which Holocaust denial is a part.