Submission by B'nai B'rith International regarding ARGENTINA for the 1st UPR session scheduled for April 2008

B'nai B'rith International (BBI) commends Argentina for strengthening its laws governing terrorist financing.

We further commend Argentina for its action leading to INTERPOL's issuance of 'red notices' seeking the arrest of six men charged by the Argentine Government with crimes against humanity for their role in the bombing on 18 July 1994 of the center of Latin America’s largest Jewish community — the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA - Jewish Argentine Mutual Association), which killed 85 and maimed 300.

A year ago, an Argentine State prosecutor's report concluded that Iran, through its terrorist faction Hezbollah, was behind the bombing. This was a crucial and long-awaited step toward justice. While welcoming INTERPOL's decision, BBI stresses the need for intensified efforts on the part of the Argentine and other governments in ensuring a thorough investigation and prosecution of those responsible for the crime.