

May 25, 1995: Approved by Task Force on Anti-Semitism and
Constitutional Law

June 7, 1995: Approved by Executive Committee

June 21, 1995: Approved by the Board of Directors

POSITION ON FEDERAL COUNTER-TERRORISM ACT OF 1995

The Council endorses passage of the Federal Counter-Terrorism Act of 1995 with amendments (1) to delete the procedural modifications of deportation hearings that permit use of secret, unsummarized evidence; and (2) to permit any person including incorporated organizations to seek judicial review of the designation of a "terrorist organization" through a civil lawsuit under the Administrative Procedures Act, but without extending this review as part of a criminal prosecution.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the task force's recommendation. Motion pending.

Board members discussed the recommendation. Some expressed concern that the legislation would give the government unnecessary power to investigate any group whatsoever, and would be a misuse of legislation. Others expressed that this legislation was necessary.

Vote on the motion. Vote carried by a vote of 18 to 6. Tom Schneider and Karine Moreno Taxman abstained.