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## **GERMANY HAS LOST ITS MORAL COMPASS, AS IT SHIELDS ISRAEL FROM SANCTIONS AND LEGAL SCRUTINY**

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Berlins moral compass has gone dangerously south. For decades post-war Germany stood, rightly, as the global exemplar of how a country must behave after perpetrating the 20th centurys greatest crime against humanity.

The Basic Law in Germany enshrines the supremacy of international law and the duty to protect human dignity. Yet when confronted with credible evidence of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and policies amounting to apartheid, ethnic cleansing and forcible transfer in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem, Germanys reflexive restraint has calcified into a policy of ignorance and denial.

That deliberate hesitation is a dereliction of duty, undermining international law and jeopardising the security of Jewish life Germany claims to hold sacrosanct.

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