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The IHRA definition of antisemitism has been criticized by numerous humanitarian and civil rights organizations, including Human Rights Watch, the ACLU, and B'Tselem, who have urged the UN to refrain from adopting it in their action plan against antisemitism. These organizations argue that the definition is problematic, as it can be misused to stifle legitimate criticism of Israel.

It goes without saying that Ken Stern, the main drafter of the IHRA definition, has recently reiterated his concerns, describing it as "a blunt instrument to label anyone an antisemite," highlighting the risk of its overreach and misuse.

This act is perhaps well meaning, but it is a slippery slope, and I urge it be reconsidered.