

**PRESS RELEASE**

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# **Press statement on the documentary “Auserwählt und ausgegrenzt - Der Hass auf Juden in Europa”**

ARTE notes that the website Bild.de has decided on its own authority to stream the documentary “Auserwählt und Ausgegrenzt. Der Hass auf Juden in Europa”. Although the practice is an odd one, ARTE has no objection to the general public being able to make up their own minds about this film.

ARTE does not wish or intend to legitimate the film retrospectively by broadcasting it, because it departed seriously from the agreed programme concept without ARTE being informed. This is a practice that ARTE cannot accept, either in this case or in any other.

The accusation that the film does not fit into our programme for political reasons is simply absurd: the proposal originally approved by the Programme Conference explicitly addressed the theme of anti-Semitism being couched in a critique of Israel - in Europe, however, and not in the Middle East, in accordance with ARTE’s editorial line as a European channel.

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