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The statement follows on several years of Presbyterian-Jewish discussions following the adoption by the church's General Assembly of resolutions about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that proved troubling to Jews, especially concerning "selective divestment" from corporations doing business in Israel. The new statement notes that these issues are "complex and difficult," and that "It does not help to import stereotypes, anti-Jewish motifs or classic ideas of Christian anti-Jewish theology into our discussions." It pledges to examine Presbyterian thinking, theology, and advocacy to guard against such biases.

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