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RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

36TH ZIONIST CONGRESS



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A. Constitutional Amendments

1. Representation of Women in the National Institutions

Explanatory Remarks

The Executive of the World Zionist Organization believes that it is fitting that the representation of women in the Movement’s institutions be structurally defined. An amendment to the Constitution is therefore proposed similar to that which currently exists regarding the representation of the young generation, so that such representation will be granted to women. The appropriate amendments to the Constitution are therefore proposed. To remove all doubt, representation of women may partially overlap representation of the young generation.

The following articles will be amended:

Article 5 (Representatives of national and international Zionist and Jewish organizations)

Article 23 (Candidates for election to the Congress)

Article 26 (Representatives of organizations)

Article 32 (the Zionist General Council)

Article 41 (the Expanded Executive)

Resolution:

A. The following will be inserted after **Article 5, Section 4 (ab)**:

"(ac) At least 30% of the members of the representatives to the Congress in the bodies defined in this Article, shall be women. Such representation may overlap the representation of the young generation."

B. The currently existing **Article 23** to the Constitution shall be marked “a” and shall be followed by:

"(b) At least 30% of the members on each list of candidates to the Congress shall be women. Such representation may overlap the representation of the young generation."

C. **Article 26(e)** shall be followed by:

"(f) At least 30% of the representatives of the aforementioned organizations shall be women. Such representation may overlap the representation of the young generation."

D. **Article 32, Section 1** shall be followed by:

"At least 30% of the members of every faction in the Zionist General Council and their alternates shall be women. Such representation may overlap the representation of the young generation."

E. **Article 41, Section 2, paragraph (3)** shall be followed by:

"(4) At least 30% of the members of the Expanded Executive in each of the groups specified in paragraphs (1)–(3) above shall be women."

F. At the end of **Article 2A**, shall be added: "or gender."

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2. Transfer of the authorities of the Chairman to the Deputy/Vice-Chairman in the event that the position of Chairman shall become vacant

Whereas between the 35th Zionist Congress and the 36th Zionist Congress, the Chairman of the Executive resigned and no other Chairman was appointed in his place; and

Whereas the Constitution does not regulate a situation in which the Zionist General Council fails to reach agreement on the identity of the replacement and fails to appoint another Chairman in his/her place over an extended time period; and

Whereas there is a need to regulate the matter, in order to prevent a situation whereby there is no one authorized under the Constitution to exercise the authorities vested in the Chairman of the Executive;

It is hereby resolved that:

In any event in which the position of Chairman is vacant, the Deputy/Vice Chairman shall fill the position until a new Chairman is appointed.

Therefore, **Section 1 in Article 43** of the Constitution shall be deleted and replaced with:

Section 1

“If, in the interval between one Congress and another, the position of Chairman of the Executive is vacated for any reason, the Zionist General Council shall elect, in its next session, a new Chairman from among the members of the Executive. Until his/her election, the position of Chairman will be filled by the Deputy/Vice Chairman, or by any other member of the Executive who is elected by the Executive by a majority of votes.”

3. Maintaining a Code of Ethics in the World Zionist Organization

Whereas the World Zionist Organization is an organization that acts in accordance with the principles of justice, equality, democracy, and ethical practice; and

Whereas it is necessary to ensure the ethical conduct of all persons elected by the Zionist Congress to serve in a senior position in the World Zionist Organization; and

Whereas corruption is an affliction that must be completely eradicated, in order to ensure that it does not also taint the World Zionist Organization;

It is hereby resolved:

To establish criteria of eligibility and appointment for the candidate to an elected office of the Zionist Organization, so that the Congress shall not elect any person who has been convicted in a final ruling in a Court of Law of any crime which the Court has ruled to be of moral turpitude, or where less than seven years have elapsed since the completion of serving his/her sentence.

To determine that the appointment shall be immediately terminated of any person elected by the Congress to serve in such a position, who has been has been convicted in a final ruling for any crime which the Court has ruled to be of moral turpitude, subsequent to his/her appointment.

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4. Representatives of the WZO in Subsidiary Companies and Related Entities

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Whereas the World Zionist Organization owns holdings in various companies, which grant it the right to appoint members to the Boards of Directors and chairpersons of the Boards of Directors; and

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Whereas the World Zionist Organization has the right to appoint members of boards of various non-profit organizations [*Amutot*]; and

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Whereas the World Zionist Organization has the right to appoint representatives to various entities established under law, such as The Public Council for the Preservation and Memorial of the Heritage of Binyamin Zeev Herzl and The Public Council for the Preservation and Memorial of the Heritage of Zeev Jabotinsky, etc.; and

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Whereas, the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization does not regulate the manner of election or appointment of the representatives and/or directors to the aforesaid entities;

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To determine that the Executive of the World Zionist Organization shall appoint representatives and/or directors, as the case may be, to all entities to which the World Zionist Organization is entitled to appoint representatives on its behalf;

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Therefore, Article 40 of the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization shall be amended such that the following will be appended to **Section 1**:

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“The Executive shall elect the representatives and/or directors on behalf of the World Zionist Organization in all the entities in which the World Zionist Organization is entitled to appoint representatives on its behalf, including directors and chairpersons of the Directorate in subsidiaries and related companies, members of executive committees of non-profit organizations, and representatives in entities established under law.”

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5. Number of Members of the Executive

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Whereas it was decided to separate between the position of Chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Chairman of the Jewish Agency; and

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Whereas the Chairmen of Keren Hayesod have always been elected to serve as members of the Zionist Executive; and

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Whereas it has been decided to reorganize the positions on the Zionist Executive and to elect a deputy and Vice Chairman of the Executive; and

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Whereas it is important that the Chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World
Chairman of Keren Hayesod should also serve on the Expanded Executive,

Therefore the following amendment is proposed to the Constitution:

In Article 41, Section 1, subsection B, the word "Treasurer" shall be deleted and
replaced by:

**"Deputy and Vice Chairman of the Executive, who shall act as both
Deputy and acting Chairman of the Expanded Executive."**

In subsection C, "18" members shall be deleted and replaced by "21."

To Article 41 shall be added Section 1A as follows:

**"The Congress, or in the inter-Congress period, the Zionist General
Council, shall be authorized to elect the Chairman of the Jewish Agency
and the World Chairman of Keren Hayesod as members of the Inner
Executive. Whoever shall be elected to the Executive under this section,
shall serve as a Member of the Executive until the following ordinary
Congress, or until the completion of their term of office, whichever shall
come first."**

Article 41, Section 2, subsection (a) (1) shall be amended so that after the words "*as
stated in Section 1*" shall follow: **"and in Section 1A."**

6. Duty to Report Implementation of Zionist Congress Resolutions

Whereas important resolutions are adopted at the Zionist Congress that have practical
implications; and

Whereas the Executive is the executive arm of the Zionist Organization and its duty
is to execute the resolutions of the Zionist Congress and the Resolutions of the Zionist
General Council; and

Whereas it is necessary to establish a mechanism that ensures the implementation of
the resolutions adopted by the Zionist Congress;

It is hereby resolved that:

The Executive will periodically publish a report and account, no less than once
annually, which includes all the resolutions adopted by the Congress, details of the
activities planned for the implementation of each resolution in practice, and details of
the measures that have already been taken to implement the resolution.

It is therefore resolved:

To amend Article 40 of the Constitution and to add the following Section after
Section 4:

Section 5:

**"Periodically, no less than once annually, the Executive will publish a
report and account including all the resolutions adopted by the previous**

Congress, with details of the activities planned for the purpose of implementing each resolution, and details of the measures already taken for the purpose of implementing the resolution. The report will be submitted to the Zionist General Council and distributed to the Zionist Federations in the Diaspora, the representatives of all the unions, and organizations in Israel, that were represented at the previous Congress.”

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B. Regulations

7. Meeting Attendance and Availability of Translations

Adopted as part of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization and appearing as Regulation 10A in the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution

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Whereas the seats of the Inner and Expanded Executive, the Presidium (the “Presidium”) of the Zionist General Council (the “Council”) and the Budget and Finance Committee of the Zionist General Council (“the Budget and Finance Committee” and collectively, the “WZO Bodies”) are in Jerusalem; and

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Whereas Hebrew is the official language of the Bodies of the World Zionist Organization; and

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Whereas there are certain members of the WZO Bodies who have difficulties in meeting their membership obligations because they reside outside of Israel or because they are not fluent in Hebrew; and

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Whereas various resolutions adopted previously by the Zionist Congress (the “Congress”) (for example, Resolutions number 9(C) (2) and number 78 adopted by the 35th Congress in June 2006) have recognized the need to facilitate the participation of members through modern forms of communication; and

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Whereas Section 4, Paragraph 4 of the *Standing Orders of the General Council* provides that between sessions of the Presidium, “**the functions of the Presidium shall be discharged by its members domiciled in Israel**” and that the places of Presidium members “**domiciled abroad shall be filled ... by deputies domiciled in the State of Israel,**” may limit the ability of certain Presidium members to fully participate in Presidium matters and meet their obligations as Presidium members; and

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Whereas such limitations are contrary to the letter and purpose of these resolutions and, because of the availability of modern means of communication, are no longer necessary; and

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Whereas the Congress has determined that it is in the best interests of the World Zionist Organization to amend its Constitution to ensure that meetings of each WZO Body are conducted in an efficient and effective manner with maximum attendance by the members of the relevant Body,

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Therefore, be it resolved that:

Regulation 10A shall be added to the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution, as follows:

Regulation 10A

“(a) Any member entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Presidium, the Inner Executive, Expanded Executive or the Budget and Finance Committee (each, a “**World Zionist Organization Entity**”) shall be permitted to participate and vote at such a meeting, whether in person, by telephone, or by any electronic means (including, but without limitation to, video conferencing) which is approved by (i) the Council or (ii) the applicable World Zionist Organization Entity; provided, that each such World Zionist Organization Entity shall approve the use of electronic means for attendance and voting for its own meetings only, and not the meetings of other World Zionist Organization Entities.

(b) To the extent reasonably practicable, each World Zionist Organization Entity shall hold its meetings during the regular business hours (the “**Regular Business Hours**”) of the time zones in which all the Participants reside; provided, that if this is not reasonably practicable, such meetings shall be held at a time within the Regular Business Hours of the majority of the Participants and on a date which minimizes the inconvenience to those Participants who reside in time zones other than those in which the majority of the Participants reside.

(c) The official language of record of the meetings of each WZO Entity is Hebrew. Any business brought at such meetings may be conducted in Hebrew or English; provided, that the convening body shall provide for simultaneous or contemporaneous translation from Hebrew to English and English to Hebrew for all participants attending such meetings in person and simultaneous or contemporaneous translations from Hebrew to English and English to Hebrew for all Participants attending by other means. Simultaneous or contemporaneous translation of Hebrew or English to any other language may be provided if the majority of the applicable World Zionist Organization Entity determines that such translation is reasonably necessary and practicable for the conduct of such meetings.”;

And be it further resolved that:

All other rules, regulations and standing orders with respect to the functioning of the WZO Bodies, including, without limitation, **Section 4** of the *Standing Orders of the General Council* and the *Standing Orders of the Budget and Finance Committee*, are hereby deemed amended without further action as necessitated by and in accordance with the preceding resolution concerning the addition of **Regulation 10A**, in order to give effect to the substance of such resolution;

ANNEX A

Section 4, Paragraph 4 of the Standing Orders of the Zionist General Council

In periods between the sessions the functions of the Presidium shall be discharged by its members domiciled in Israel. The places of members of the Presidium domiciled abroad shall be filled, in periods between the sessions, by deputies domiciled in the State of Israel who shall be elected by the General Council together with members of the Presidium.¹ However, in the decision upon the date and place of the session of the General Council, all the members of the Presidium shall participate. The vote may also be taken in writing or by electronic means.

8. Advance Presentation of Budget

Regulations of the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance

Whereas pursuant to **Article 14(d)** of the **Constitution of the World Zionist Organization** (the "**WZO Constitution**"), the Zionist Congress (the "**Congress**") may, among other things, determine the financial and budgetary policy and fix the budget for the year following the year in which the Congress is held; and

Whereas pursuant to **Section 11 of the Standing Orders** ("**Standing Orders**") of the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance of the World Zionist Organization (the "**Budget and Finance Committee**"), the Budget and Finance Committee is responsible for

- (1) preparing each budget of the World Zionist Organization and its constituent bodies for approval by by the Congress or the Zionist General Council (the "**Council**"),
- (2) approving such budget (if such power was delegated to the Budget and Finance Committee by the Congress or the Council),
- (3) overseeing the implementation of such budget, and
- (4) advising the Executive (as defined in the Standing Orders) regarding developments related to such budget; and

Whereas the Congress has determined that it is in the best interests of the World Zionist Organization to amend the Standing Orders to ensure that the members of the Budget and Finance Committee have sufficient time to review each budget proposal prior to its confirmation by each of the Congress, the Council, or the Budget and Finance Committee, as the case may be,

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Regulation 11 of the **Standing Orders** be and hereby is, amended by inserting the following clause (d) after **Regulation 11(c)**:

"(d) the Executive, or member of the Executive who is responsible for this subject shall submit each budget proposal to the Budget and Finance Committee no later than 15 days prior to the meeting at which the Committee considers the budget proposal in accordance with Regulations 10, 11(a)-(c) and 12 of these Standing Orders. In the event that the Executive, or member of the Executive who is responsible for

¹ Sentence inserted according to Resolution 18(a) of the General Council in January 1966.

this subject fails to submit such budget proposal to the Budget and Finance Committee within such time, the Committee shall have the right to defer its meeting so that it will have at least 15 days to consider such budget proposal, unless the Committee shall waive such 15-day requirement.”

9. Implementation of the Directives of the Congress and General Council
Adopted as part of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization and appearing as Regulation 10B in the Regulations for Implementation of the Constitution.

Whereas pursuant to Article 14(a) of the *Constitution of the World Zionist Organization* (the “WZO Constitution”), the Zionist Congress (the “Congress”) may, among other things, receive and consider the report of the Executive (as defined in the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization), including a report on the activities of the institutions of the World Zionist Organization (as defined in the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization) (the “WZO”); and

Whereas pursuant to Article 15 and Article 30, Section 1 of the *Constitution of the World Zionist Organization*, the Zionist General Council (the “Council”) is authorized to monitor and ensure the Executive's proper and timely implementation of the directives of the Congress and the Council (the “Directives”); and

Whereas the Congress has determined that it be in the best interests of the WZO to amend the WZO Constitution to ensure that the Directives are properly implemented in a timely manner,

Therefore, be it resolved:

To amend the *Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution* through the insertion of Regulation 10B following Regulation 10A, as follows:

Regulation 10B

"Implementation of the Directives of the Congress and the Zionist General Council

(a) The Inner and Expanded Executive (collectively, for purposes of this Regulation 10B only, the “Executive”) shall implement the directives of the Congress or the Council (the “Directives”). The Council shall establish a committee of its members, who are not members of the Executive, to monitor and report to the Council on the Executive’s progress in implementing such Directives (the “Implementation Committee”).

(b) Upon written request by the Implementation Committee to the Executive or any member(s) of the Executive (the body or person to whom the request is directed, the “Subject Person”), such Subject Person shall provide the Implementation Committee with the information and documents that the Implementation Committee deems necessary or appropriate to assess the progress of such Subject Person in implementing the Directives.

(c) If, after reviewing the information or documents provided by any Subject Person, the Implementation Committee determines that such Subject Person has not complied with its obligation to (1) implement the Directives or (2) provide the information or documents requested by the Implementation Committee in a timely manner, the Implementation Committee may recommend that the Council take further action to ensure that the Directives are properly implemented.

(d) The provisions of this **Regulation 10B** shall govern to enhance and shall not be deemed to limit any other provision of this Constitution that purports to grant the Council powers or authority to ensure that the Directives are properly implemented in a timely manner.”

C. Organizational Matters

10. Transferring draft resolutions which were not discussed in the Congress Plenary to the Zionist General Council

In accordance with **Section 16 (d)** of the *Standing Orders of the Zionist Congress*, it is resolved to transfer the draft resolutions which were not finalized in the committees of the 36th Zionist Congress, as material for discussion at the next Zionist General Council session.

11. Participation of Overseas Members of the Presidium in Matters of the Presidium

The Zionist General Council shall, instead of **Regulation 4 Section 4** of the *Standing Orders of the Zionist General Council*, adopt, at its discretion, rules or procedures relating to the manner of participation of Members of the Presidium of the Zionist General Council residing outside Israel in matters of the Presidium, in accordance with the provisions of **Regulation 10A** of the *Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution*.

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D. Zionism in Israeli Society

12. Declaration of United Jerusalem as the Eternal Capital of Israel *Submitted by the Congress Presidium*

Whereas Jerusalem is the ideological and spiritual focus of the Jewish people,

The 36th Zionist Congress resolves:

1. Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish people continuously for over 3,000 years and shall remain the eternal capital of the Jewish people and the State of Israel.
2. The Zionist Congress calls upon the Government of Israel and the Municipality of Jerusalem to increase investment in the development and building of Jerusalem, in all its parts and neighborhoods for the benefit of all its residents, without distinction as to religion, race, and national community (*le'om*), as have done all Governments of Israel and mayors of the City of Jerusalem.

13. Development of Ties among Specific Populations in Israel and the Diaspora, and Encouraging Visits to Israel

Whereas in Israeli society there is also a need for the development of Zionist awareness, in order to deepen the commitment to the State of Israel and identification with the Jewish people and with all Jews, wherever they may be;

The Zionist Congress resolves:

- A. To encourage and assist in the development of community-based and social friendship ties between schools, educational institutions, youth movements, students, synagogues, and communities in the Diaspora and between their counterparts in Israel, through a global program of "All Jews are responsible for one another."
- B. To support initiatives and programs that encourage visits to Israel, through programs and projects of a friendship alliance, that include encounters among teenagers, young adults, synagogues, and communities.

14. The Status of Non-Orthodox Religious Communities in the State of Israel

Whereas Zionism is a movement that believes in the fundamental principles of justice, equality, and democracy, as detailed in the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization; and

Whereas the Jerusalem Program of the Zionist Organization determines that one of the foundations of Zionism is to shape the State Israel as being endowed with a unique moral-spiritual character, based on mutual respect of the diversity within the Jewish people; and

Whereas the majority of streams and communities in contemporary Judaism, including the non-orthodox religious streams, play a part in the activities of the National Institutions, on the basis of on their commitment to the future of the Jewish people and the future of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state; and

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Whereas the Declaration of the Independence of the State of Israel guarantees: “*absolute social and political equality of rights to all its citizens, with no difference based on religion, race, or gender,*” and that the State of Israel: “*will ensure freedom of religion, conscience, language, education, and culture*”; and

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Whereas despite the aforesaid declaration in the Declaration of Independence, and despite the obligation of government agencies in the State of Israel to guarantee freedom of religion and conscience of the citizens and residents of the State of Israel, government agencies in the State of Israel refuse to recognize the Reform Jewish communities and Conservative Jewish communities and additional Jewish communities as having a status equal to the orthodox communities in Israel, in relation to a broad range of services and allocation of resources on behalf of the State; and

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Whereas such continued discrimination is a critical blow to the fundamental rights of the citizens and residents of Israel who belong to such communities, and acts to undermine the identification of Diaspora Jewry with the State of Israel and damage the identification of Israel’s Jews to Jewish culture and its traditions;

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The Zionist Congress adopts the following resolutions:

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- The Zionist Congress calls upon government agencies in Israel, headed by the Israel Knesset and the government of Israel, to put an end to the continuing discrimination against the non-orthodox communities with regard to everything related to the official recognition of their status, and the status and authority of the rabbis and spiritual leaders who stand at the head of these communities.
- The Zionist Congress charges the Executive of the World Zionist Organization and its leadership to convey this position to the government agencies in Israel and give it proper public expression at any time when the issue of the status of the non-orthodox streams in the State of Israel and their continuing discrimination shall arise.
- The Zionist Congress applauds the Jewish Agency for Israel for its long-standing commitment to promote the activities of the non-orthodox streams in the State of Israel, in response to the continuing discrimination, and instructs the representatives of the World Zionist Organization in Jewish Agency institutions to act to pursue and extend this commitment.

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15. Conversion Legislation in the State of Israel

Whereas, in the months preceding the 36th Zionist Congress, the Israeli Knesset has initiated legislative procedures related to the continuing conversion crisis in the State of Israel and the authority of various entities to engage in conversion; and

Whereas these legislative measures might exacerbate discrimination against those undergoing conversion procedures in non-orthodox communities in Israel or in the Diaspora, and might prevent the future recognition of the equal status of converts who undergo conversion procedures in these communities in the State of Israel; and

Whereas such legislative measures for the first time, and in some cases, sever the link between the Law of Return and the right of a person who is a convert to become a citizen of the State of Israel, and this without determining proper alternative arrangements,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

That the World Zionist Organization shall oppose the aforesaid legislative measures, so long as they include the prejudicial elements noted in the introduction to this Resolution, and any future legislative action which prejudices the right of all the Jewish communities in Israel and the Diaspora to conduct activity in the domain of conversion, or which prejudices the rights of the converts, and this in addition to support for the components of the law, whereby municipal rabbis will be able to perform conversions.

The Zionist Congress instructs:

The Zionist Executive and its leader to convey this position to the Government of Israel and the Israel Knesset, and to play an active role in the discussions concerning the conversion issue in Knesset committees and other forums, in order to present the position of the World Zionist Organization.

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The Zionist Congress resolves that:

No specific political situation at a given time, or pretext, should be exploited to provide a partial solution to the issue of matrimony (marriage). The proposed solution endangers understandings that have been achieved through immense effort, and casts doubt on the continued process of the Ingathering of the Exiles from other communities.

Furthermore, the Zionist Congress appeals

To the Knesset to desist from modifying any understanding or publically sanctioned agreement, and to be considerate of the diverse Jewish population which has and will hereafter choose to live in Israel, cognizant of the clear definitions in all that concerns "*freedom of conscience*," as expressed in the Declaration of Independence.

16. Freedom of Religion and Conscience and Promotion of Religious and Cultural Pluralism

Whereas Zionism is a movement that believes in the fundamental principles of justice, equality, and democracy, as detailed in the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization; and

Whereas the Jerusalem Program of the Zionist Organization determines that one of the foundations of Zionism is to shape the State of Israel as a state of unique moral and spiritual character, based on mutual respect of the diversity of the Jewish people; and

Whereas the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel guarantees: “*absolute social and political equality of rights to all its citizens, with no difference based on religion, race, or gender,*” and that the State of Israel: “*will ensure freedom of religion, conscience, language, education, and culture*” to all its citizens; and

Whereas, despite the aforementioned statement in the Declaration of Independence; the State of Israel has failed to fulfil its obligations towards the freedom of conscience and religion in many spheres of life; and

Whereas this reality is a critical blow to the fundamental basic rights of the citizens and residents of Israel, and acts to undermine the identification of Diaspora Jewry with the State of Israel and damage the connection of Israel’s Jews to Jewish culture and its traditions;

The Zionist Congress adopts the following resolutions:

- The Zionist Congress expresses its concern for the continuing violation of freedom of religion and conscience of Israeli citizens, and the continued damage in this reality, to the ties of many Jews in Israel to Jewish culture and its traditions, and the identification of many Jews in the Diaspora with the State of Israel;
- The Zionist Congress calls upon government agencies in Israel, and specifically the Israel Knesset and the Government of Israel, to take action to guarantee freedom of religion and conscience of Israeli citizens in a manner that dignifies the democratic character of the State of Israel and the diversity that is characteristic of contemporary Judaism, in Israel and in the Diaspora.

Inter alia, the Zionist Congress calls upon government agencies in the State of Israel to act to implement the following measures:

- Establishment of the full freedom of marriage and family in the State of Israel.
- Full recognition of the right of every recognized Jewish community to act in the domain of conversion, and granting of equal legal status to those converting to Judaism through the recognized Jewish communities in Israel and in the Diaspora.
- Realization of the right of Israeli citizens to be buried and to bury their loved ones in a manner appropriate to their lives and values.

- Recognition of the equal status of all Jewish communities in Israel and in the Diaspora, and adoption of a policy for the equitable allocation of resources for the activities of such communities.
- The Zionist Congress instructs the institutions of the Zionist movement to act to promote the above measures through the different means available to the Zionist institutions.

The Zionist Congress instructs:

The Zionist Executive to submit a report and account on the status of freedom of religion and conscience, and religious pluralism in the State of Israel, once every two years. Such a report will be submitted alternately to the Zionist General Council and the Zionist Congress, which will conduct discussions and approve the report when they convene. The report will be referred to the Congress factions to be reviewed by them approximately one month before the convening of the Zionist Congress and the Zionist General Council, and the factions shall have the right to submit their observations on the report and present them to the members of the institutions. If no such report is submitted by the Zionist Executive, the Congress factions have the right to submit reports on their own behalf, which reports will be discussed in the aforesaid forums and brought for approval, *in lieu* of the Executive's report.

17. Recognition of all the Streams of Judaism

Whereas the State of Israel in the Land of Israel is the state of the entire Jewish people - a democratic state based on equal rights of all its citizens,

The Zionist Congress resolves that:

It is incumbend upon the State to recognize all the Jewish streams and recognize their right to perform marriages and conversions.

18. The Zionist Council in Israel

Whereas the Zionist Congress views reinforcement of Zionism in Israel as an issue of crucial influence in shaping the Zionist-Jewish nature of Israel,

The Zionist Congress

Views the Zionist Council in Israel as an important executive arm in reinforcing Zionism in Israel and enhancing the status of the World Zionist Organization in Israeli society.

19. Ensuring a Jewish Majority

Whereas ensuring a large, clear, and stable Jewish majority in the long term is a central task for the Jewish-Zionist future of Israel,

The Zionist Congress resolves that:

The World Zionist Organization should function as a lobby to ensure such a majority through, *inter alia*: vigorous public action to accept new immigrants into the Jewish people and facilitate conversion procedures; increasing efforts to promote Aliyah; taking steps to promote the return of Israeli citizens to Israel; and taking into account demographic considerations in determining the boundaries of the State of Israel in the future.

20. Strengthening Ties between Israeli Society and Israeli Communities Overseas

Whereas the Zionist Congress views favorably the “Israeli” framework established by the Zionist Council in Israel to foster ties with expatriate Israeli communities,

The Zionist Congress instructs:

The World Zionist Organization to charge the Zionist Council in Israel to submit a policy paper including a work plan, on the reinforcement of ties with expatriate Israeli communities. The purpose of the program is to extend and establish the activities of the "Israeli" forum founded by volunteers of the Zionist Council in Israel, in order to deepen the connection between Israeli society and expatriate Israeli communities, and to promote the return of Israelis to their home, with an emphasis on activities involving the young generation.

21. The Druze Zionist Council

Whereas the Zionist Congress is aware of the extensive activities of the Druze Zionist Council to increase the identification of young Druze with the State of Israel and its values as a Jewish and democratic state, promote IDF service, and reinforce the Druze-Jewish “Covenant of Life” of in Israel,

The Zionist Congress instructs

That a fixed annual support be allocated to this movement, as an integral part of its activity within the framework of the budget of the Zionist Council.

22. Negev and Jerusalem National Service Year

Whereas the Zionist Congress recognizes the significance of the year of voluntary National Service project operating in the Galilee, Negev, and Jerusalem,

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The Zionist Congress appeals

To the World Zionist Organization to support these Garinim as much as possible as an integral part of its overall operations.

23. Admission of the Shas Faction to the Zionist Movement

Whereas the Congress views favorably the admission of the Shas Movement as a member of the Zionist Movement,

We call upon

The Shas Movement to embrace the values of Zionism, and encourage the children studying in its institutions to enrich their studies in the sciences and English, in order to train them for successful integration into Israeli society. We similarly expect the Shas Movement to persuade its young members to enlist in the IDF, or alternatively, into National Service, to assist them in joining the job market after their demobilization.

24. Abating Climate Change

Whereas this year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Theodor Herzl; and

Whereas Herzl, in his book *AltNeuLand*, envisioned a Jewish homeland powered by clean renewable energy; and

Whereas in the 150th year since the birth of Herzl, his dream of an exemplary society fits the need to place environmental protection high on our agenda; and

Whereas climate change is a problem that affects Jews around the world; and

Whereas God has given us this world to care for and protect; and

Whereas a typical flight to Israel of 16,000 kilometers (10,000 miles) generates about 2,400 kilograms (5,300 pounds) of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere per person; and

Whereas the State of Israel is small in size and has difficulty finding space for its refuse,

Be it hereby resolved that at future Congresses:

1. To bring Herzl's dream of "*Medinat Mofet*" -- a model nation -- to reality, Congress organizers shall be committed to developing and/or supporting carbon-mitigating projects in Israel as a major platform, ideally offsetting the transportation emissions of all Congressional delegations through carbon-mitigating projects in Israel, such as JNF's Go Neutral program and the Good Energy Initiative.

2. Congress organizers shall ensure good environmental practices, by reducing, recycling and composting waste generated, providing sustainable modes of transport for participants and carbon offsetting the Congress through carbon-mitigating projects in Israel, such as JNF's Go Neutral program and the Good Energy Initiative.

And be it hereby resolved that:

1. Jewish environmental education and supporting local agriculture is recognized globally as important within the Jewish community.
 The Congress urges the World Zionist Organization and all its partners in Jewish/Zionist education, both in Israel and the rest of the world, to include and enhance the teaching of environmental threats facing Israel and the rest of the world.

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25. Integrating Immigrants into Israeli Society

Whereas this year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Theodor Herzl; and

Whereas Herzl recognized that developing a connection to the land was important, as he said, *“We wish to give the Jews a homeland -- not by dragging them ruthlessly out of their sustaining soil, but rather by removing them carefully, roots and all, to better terrain;”* and

Whereas the Jewish Agency for Israel (hereinafter: JAFI) has helped bring more than three million Jews to Israel since 1948; and

Whereas JAFI is responsible for the absorption and integration of so many immigrants into Israeli society; and

Whereas environmental education is both an important value within Judaism and -- with Israel's small size, energy issues and water issues -- an imperative for Israelis; and

Whereas a JAFI absorption center in Beer Sheva has a successful food garden for its immigrants, run in conjunction with the Israeli NGO Earth's Promise,

Be it hereby resolved that:

WZO representatives on the JAFI Board of Governors shall work toward incorporating education about the environment and sustainability of the land into the immigrant experience at absorption centers run by JAFI, and that they work toward developing gardens at JAFI absorption centers for immigrants to connect with the land and grow their own fruits and vegetables.

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26. Saving Water and Energy

Whereas this year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Theodor Herzl; and

Whereas Herzl, in his book *AltNeuLand*, envisioned a Jewish homeland powered by clean renewable energy; and

Whereas Israel is already feeling the effects of climate change in terms of severe heat waves, droughts and storms; and

Whereas the Israeli Union for Environmental Defense is predicting even greater negative climate-related effects for Israel; and

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Whereas climate change may be abated through reductions in greenhouse gases caused by vehicles and energy production; and

Whereas Israel regularly faces water shortages,

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Congress suggests that the World Zionist Organization, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, and the Jewish Agency for Israel to:

1. Make efforts towards a transition to energy-efficient lighting, such as compact fluorescent and LED bulbs, in all of its offices and buildings.
2. Make efforts to only purchase new vehicles that are alternative-fuel models or that meet high fuel-efficiency standards.
3. Aspire to install energy-generating solar panels and rainwater-savings systems on the rooftops of all of their buildings, and paint the remainder of the rooftops white.

27. Food Justice

Whereas this year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Theodor Herzl; and

Whereas Herzl's dream of the Jewish State was of a "*Medinat Mofet*" -- a model nation --; and

Whereas the World Zionist Congress, as a large convention client, may have the ability to exercise sway over the type of food vendors which service the Congress; and

Whereas the use of pesticides can harm wildlife, habitats and people and pollute Israel's water supply; and

Whereas the production of each kilogram of beef consumes 15,500 liters of water and 7 kilograms of grain; and

Whereas the production of each kilogram of chicken consumes 3,900 liters of water and 3 kilograms of grain; and

Whereas animal-based agriculture is a major contributor to many environmental threats, including climate change, deforestation, desertification, soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, and water and air pollution, and animal-based agriculture uses far more water, energy, land and other resources than plant-based diets; and

Whereas we were once slaves in Egypt, and now we are free, and we are obliged to fight slavery, economic or otherwise,

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Congress instructs its Zionist representatives who shall serve as Congress organizers to consider requesting, Congress food vendors and purveyors, without obligating, that they:

1. Procure at least 50 percent of the food for the Congress from small-scale local producers;
2. Procure at least 50 percent of the food for the Congress from organic farmers who

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| use sustainable farming practices and, in particular, are sensitive to local water scarcity; | 1 |
| 3. Reduce meat consumption at the Congress, with any meat that is consumed coming from animals raised and slaughtered according to both kosher as well as humane and ethical standards; | 2 |
| 4. Procure food from farmers that provide their laborers with a living wage; | 3 |
| 5. Provide on-site compost bins where compostable material can be collected and delivered to composting sites. | 4 |
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C. Zionist Fulfillment (Hagshama)

28. Fostering Zionist Youth Movements and the Social Absorption of New Immigrants in Israel

Whereas the supreme expression of the Zionist vision is the actual fulfillment (Hagshama) of Zionism through Aliyah and settlement in Israel; and

Whereas the decision to make Aliyah to Israel is the outcome of an ideological and educational process in which the individual recognizes the significance of the State of Israel as the sovereign state of the Jewish people,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

- A. To urge the representatives of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency to develop and foster the Zionist youth movements, organizations, and institutions that educate towards Aliyah and Hagshama, and to assist them in achieving their objectives;
- B. To encourage and assist in developing special programs that focus on the social, cultural, and community integration of new immigrants in Israel.

29. The Issue of Aliyah Garinim in the Diaspora

Whereas the regional, community, moshav, and kibbutz settlements have absorbed many tens of thousands of new immigrants from all corners of the world,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

To initiate the re-establishment of Aliyah garinim in the Diaspora, in order to promote Aliyah, and to assist immigrants in their community-based integration in Israel.

30. Increasing Activities to Encourage Aliyah

Whereas the very justification of the existence of the Zionist Movement is dependent upon encouraging Aliyah; and

Whereas Aliyah must immediately regain its position as a key issue in the activities of the Zionist Organization; and

Whereas Aliyah must be reinstated in its former position on the public agenda; and

Whereas the State of Israel has a Jewish majority and this trend must be reinforced,

The Zionist Congress resolves as follows:

1. The Zionist Congress issues a call to define the immigration of all Jews from the Diaspora Exile to Israel as a fundamental mission.
2. The Zionist Congress calls upon the Zionist Executive to redouble their efforts in all areas of encouraging Aliyah.

3. The Zionist Congress resolves that encouraging Aliyah represents a key issue in the activities of the Zionist Organization. 1
4. The Zionist Congress calls upon the Zionist Executive to expand those activities to encourage Aliyah that it commenced in recent years on campuses and in Diaspora communities,. 2
5. The Zionist Congress calls upon the Zionist Executive and the Government of Israel to encourage the return of *Yordim* to Israel, and to halt the “brain drain” of Israelis to the Diaspora. 3

31. Encouraging Aliyah

Whereas the Zionist Congress has repeatedly determined that Aliyah to Israel from all countries of the world constitutes the moral foundation of the Zionist vision, 4

The Congress charges: 5

The Zionist Executive and its representatives on the Jewish Agency Executive to take steps to directly encourage Aliyah to Israel from all countries in the world. 6

32. The Shlichut Enterprise in the World Zionist Organization

Whereas the formal and informal Jewish education of teenagers and adults, and the education of the entire Jewish family, constitute the foundation for the development of Jewish identity, strengthening identification and the sense of belonging to the Jewish people, and fostering Zionist awareness; and 7

Whereas the Shlichut enterprise today is focused on working with children and teenagers and there is a scarcity of Shlichim to work with adults; and 8

Whereas the Shaliach plays a key role in these issues, 9

The Zionist Congress charges: 10

The Zionist Executive to submit a strategic and tactical program to the first session of the Zionist General Council, for the development, extension, and consolidation of the Shlichut enterprise within the World Zionist Organization. 11

33. Encouraging Aliyah by Choice

Whereas Aliyah and the prevention of assimilation are some of the cornerstones of Zionism, 12

The Zionist Congress resolves: 13

- To encourage Aliyah by choice. 14
- To encourage and strengthen and to grant funds for the activities of Zionist Magshimim youth movements. 15

34. Zionist Fulfillment (Hagshama)

Whereas the State of Israel in the Land of Israel is the state of the entire Jewish people – a democratic state based on the equal rights of all its citizens,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

To create conditions to return Israeli *Yordim* (expatriates) and their families to Israel, because they are a heavy loss to the state of Israel.

35. The Magshimim Movements and the Division [of Allocations] among them

Whereas the Executive believes that it is appropriate to determine an agreed division among the Magshimim movements.

The Congress hereby resolves:

- Definition: "Magshimim Movements" and their alumni – movements that have been recognized as Magshimim movements by the Zionist Executive: Atid, Tamar, Bamah, Magshimey Herut, Kadima, Tagar, Marom, PZC, Magshimey Torah VeAvodah, Maccabi, and Tehillah.
- The use of allocations shall be conducted with complete transparency, in a manner befitting the use of public funds towards Zionist goals.
- A movement requesting recognition as a Zionist fulfillment movement shall be able to present its candidacy once in four years, no later than one year before the Zionist Congress.
- In the course of the said year, the movement's candidacy shall be examined. In the course of the Congress, a decision will be made on the recognition of the said movement as a Zionist fulfillment movement.
- The aforementioned division of allocations relates solely and exclusively to the WZO core budget, and does not relate to funds originating from designated, external budget sources.

F. Developing Young Zionist Leadership

36. Support for Zionist Education Activities in the Diaspora

Whereas Zionist education in the Diaspora is the guiding light of the World Zionist Organization; and

Whereas the Jerusalem Program determines that one of the foundations of Zionism is to guarantee the future and the unique nature of the Jewish people through the promotion of Jewish and Zionist education;

It is hereby resolved:

To call upon the Government of Israel, the Jewish Agency, and the Zionist Organization to intensify, develop and provide financial support for programs relating to the development of Zionist leadership in the Diaspora, bringing young Jews in the Diaspora closer to the State of Israel, and encouraging Aliyah.

37. Support for the Activities of the Zionist Magshimim Youth Movements

Whereas the activities of the Magshimim Zionist youth movements constitute an important stage in the Zionist education of young Jews in the Diaspora; and

Whereas the Magshimim youth movements encourage and educate towards the values of Zionism and Aliyah, and the consolidation of the status of the State of Israel as the state of the entire Jewish people; and

Whereas it is imperative to support, reinforce and expand the activities of the Magshimim youth movements,

It is hereby resolved:

- To call upon the Zionist Organization to support the Magshimim youth movements, and to assign budgets for their support and the expansion of their activities.
- To call upon the Zionist Organization to support and encourage the incorporation of youth movement shlichim, graduates, and counselors into formal Jewish education institutions in the Diaspora and in Zionist education colleges.

38. Developing Young Leadership – Holding a World Assembly

Whereas the Zionist Congress resolved upon 25% of its representation for younger members; and

Whereas representation of the young generation is vital for the renewal of the World Zionist Organization,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

To encourage the convening of a world assembly, once every four years – adjacent and prior to the Zionist Congress, for all components of the World Zionist Organization's young leadership.

39. The Continuity of Zionism

Whereas the Zionist youth movements have played vital and important role in the history of Zionism, the building of the State of Israel and in Zionist education and action worldwide,

The Zionist Congress urges:

Leaders of the World Zionist Organization within the Jewish Agency to work for a significant increase in activity budgets for the Zionist youth movements in the Diaspora, and particularly that designated to fund shlichim who are the heart and lifeblood of youth movement activity, without distinction as to political or religious background.

40. Partnership with the Zionist Youth Movements

Explanatory Remarks

The Executive of the World Zionist Movement (formerly "Organization") considers that it is appropriate to approve a resolution in principle and in detail on the matter of partnership with the Zionist youth movements, one that will broaden the activity of the Youth Movements' Forum, determine the youth movements with whom cooperation currently exists, and how new movements can join, if any should be formed.

Resolution

The Zionist Congress requests that:

The historical partnership with the Zionist pioneering movements in Israel be renewed and strengthened, for the purpose of shaping Zionism and pioneering with meaningful substance, and this in the following manner:

- Fostering activity in the Zionist youth movements that are designed to enhance education towards Zionism among young people;
- Integration of *olim* (new immigrants);
- Education towards service with significance in the IDF or National Service;
- Reinforcing the connection between the Zionist youth movements in Israel and the world;
- Action to promote the ingathering of the [Jewish] people in our land and reinforce the centrality of the State of Israel among the Jewish people.

The Congress resolves:

To broaden significantly the activity of the Zionist Youth Movement Forum in the World Zionist Organization (a forum established by resolution of the Zionist General Council of 5767-2007.) The forum's activity shall include dialogue between the Zionist youth movements and the World Zionist Organization, reinforcement of training activity for Zionist fulfillment [Hagshama] in our time, cooperative Zionist ventures by the Zionist youth movements, and the reinforcement of Zionist activity within each and every movement.

The Congress hereby resolves:

To consolidate the activity of the Zionist Youth Movement Forum in Israel by significantly increasing the activity budget and through the creation of a joint steering team of the movements and the Zionist Executive.

The Forum shall work to enhance the dialogue and shall incorporate in the forum those movements active in Israel which are affiliated to the world movements recognized by the World Zionist Organization on the basis of agreed criteria. The Forum's decision shall be agreed by October 2010.

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G. Zionist Heritage – Publications, Literature, Archival Preservation

41. Preservation of Jewish Heritage Sites and the Freedom of Worship therein

Whereas the Government of Israel decided recently on the preservation of a small proportion of the sites that represent the roots of the Jewish people's heritage in the Land of Israel; and

Whereas the historical and moral justification of all the generations of Zionist movement, from the Exodus from Egypt until today, is based on the roots of the Jewish people's heritage; and

Whereas reinforcing awareness of this heritage in Israel and the world is crucial for the continued existence and activities of the Zionist Movement,

The Zionist Congress issues the following call:

To ensure and allow freedom of access, freedom of worship and prayer, fo all religions and nations at all sites of Jewish heritage which are sacred to Judaism, wherever located in the Land of Israel, including sites that are sacred to other religions.

42. Research on Jewish Settlement in the Land of Israel

Whereas Jewish settlement in the State of Israel is the supreme expression of Zionist fulfillment (Hagshama); and

Whereas the Jewish settlement enterprise in the State of Israel has not yet been the subject of proper academic study until now; and

Whereas the Settlement Division of the World Zionist Organization is the body which dedicates itself entirely to the settlement enterprise,

It is hereby resolved:

To instruct the Executive of the World Zionist Organization to dedicate resources for the pursuit of academic research into all facets of the Jewish settlement enterprise in the Land of Israel.

The Zionist Congress instructs:

The Settlement Division to coordinate academic research activities and to assist researchers, based on the Settlement Division's activities involving Jewish settlement activities.

43. Establishment of an Archive of Jewish Settlement in the Land of Israel

Whereas the Jewish settlement enterprise in the State of Israel is the supreme realization of Zionism; and

Whereas this illustrious enterprise covers a period of over 100 years; and

Whereas to date extensive archival materials have accumulated and are located in the basements of the Zionist Archive and in other locations; and

Whereas the Zionist Archive is the entity where a considerable proportion of the documents relating to the settlement enterprise are concentrated; and

Whereas the Settlement Division of the World Zionist Organization is the body that has and continues to engage in executing the settlement enterprise,

It is hereby resolved that:

The Zionist Archive will dedicate part of its activity to the establishment of an archive of Jewish settlement in the Land of Israel and will, for this purpose, receive the assistance of the Settlement Division.

44. Instilling Zionist Heritage

Whereas instilling Zionist heritage to every Jew wherever he/she may be is crucial in order to foster, develop, and deepen Zionist awareness for future generations; and

Whereas publications, literature, and archival conservation constitute important means to instill Zionist heritage,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

- A. To develop study kits and innovative teaching aids in different languages, with which to teach Zionist history in its entirety and its contemporary significance.
- B. To establish a multi-lingual global website containing all the relevant information on the Zionist vision and its fulfillment (Hagshama), including archival documents of the Zionist Movement from its inception.

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H. Zionist Education and its Social, Cultural, and Spiritual Components

45. Jewish Heritage and the Central Role of Israel

Whereas we are witnessing increasing rates of assimilation among Jews in the Diaspora, as well as increasing rates of Jews who do not belong to or identify with any Zionist organization; and

Whereas most small Jewish communities have no Jewish education program beyond elementary school level; and

Whereas the World Zionist Organization views the dissemination of the Zionist idea through the educational system as one of its key objectives;

The Zionist Congress resolves:

To extend its array of educational activities and programs designed to increase awareness of our Jewish heritage and the centrality of the State of Israel in Jewish life to cover all age groups, and to give special and stronger emphasis to bogrim [graduate] education programs in small Jewish communities.

46. The Ideological Foundation of Herzl's Vision

Whereas the World Zionist Organization has selected the “Zionism – Herzl’s Vision – in Perpetual Renewal” as the central theme for the 36th Zionist Congress; and

Whereas we are witnessing the growing phenomenon of voices that reject the right of the Jewish people to have an independent Jewish state in its historical homeland, based on a claim that the State of Israel was established solely as a response to the tragedy that befell the Jewish people in the Holocaust, and that its very establishment has caused suffering and a holocaust to others; and

Whereas the history of the Zionist Movement and the Zionist Philosophy refute such arguments entirely;

The Zionist Congress resolves:

To charge the educational systems of the Zionist Movement to study and make known the ideological foundation of Herzl’s vision, and to strengthen, in all educational programs, an awareness of the ideas of Herzl’s predecessors, who established their Zionist program on the eternal and essential bond between the Jewish people and its homeland in the Land of Israel.

47. Intensifying Zionist Hasbara

Whereas anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli propaganda has increased significantly in recent years; and

Whereas anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli propaganda has a great impact on Jewish young people, especially on campuses, and alienates them from Zionism and Israel;

The Zionist Congress resolves as follows:

1. To act to intensify Zionist Hasbara.
2. To allocate the resources and instruments necessary to enhance Zionist Hasbara.
3. The Zionist Congress calls for the training of Israeli advocates, in coordination with the Government of Israel and other Jewish organizations.

48. Increasing Involvement of the World Zionist Organization in the Campaign to Counter Anti-Semitism

Whereas the Land of Israel has been the homeland of the Jewish people for over 3,000 years; and

Whereas various world events testify to the decline of global support for our right to the Land of Israel, and of increasing and intensifying attacks on the State of Israel's very right to existence as a sovereign Jewish state;

The Zionist Congress resolves that:

The World Zionist Organization will increase its involvement and active participation in international conventions and forums where the existence of the State of Israel is threatened and its right to exist is denied, in order to contend with and curb attacks of this kind that deny the right of the State of Israel to exist as a sovereign Jewish state, and to refute them.

49. Intensifying the Campaign against Anti-Semitism

Whereas, following Operation Cast Lead, 2009 was a record year since the Second World War in terms of the prevalence of anti-Semitic events; and

Whereas anti-Semitism is a critical Zionist issue on which the Zionist Organization must focus, in conjunction with other Jewish and non-Jewish organizations; and

Whereas the campaign against anti-Semitism may spur and grant impetus to Aliyah and to youth movements, as has always been the case, and since the Department for Zionist Institutions in Israel has recently been allocating resources to the campaign against anti-Semitism;

The Zionist Congress resolves as follows:

1. The Zionist Congress determines that an all-out campaign must be launched against anti-Semitism, which is escalating worldwide, using all possible means.
2. The Zionist Congress determines that Islamic anti-Semitism, which targets Jews in general, and in Israel in particular, must be countered throughout the world and in Israel.
3. The Zionist Congress rejects the one-sided anti-Semitic report known as the “Goldstone Report.”
4. The Zionist Congress expresses its esteem and recognition for the work of the Task Force for Hasbara and Countering Anti-Semitism established by the Jewish Agency, and calls for an investment of major resources in order to intensify the fight against anti-Semitism.

The Congress furthermore determines that:
Aliyah is the principal solution to anti-Semitism.

50. Spiritual Zionist Education – Cooperation of the Political Parties with all the Streams of Judaism (Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructivist (JRF), and Reform)

Whereas the World Zionist Organization is also based on religious Jewish streams; and

Whereas the National Institutions recognize the legitimacy of all the above streams within the Jewish people; and

Whereas the activities of the Reform and Conservative streams are essential for the continuity of the Jewish people in the Diaspora; and

Whereas the continuity of the Jewish people is important for the continued Zionist existence of the State of Israel,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

To establish a forum comprising all the factions, which will work to create cooperative activity between factions active within the Institutions and the religious streams, in order to enhance the streams’ legitimacy and actions, and to support their activities.

51. Jewish-Zionist Education in all its Diversity and Components

Whereas the Zionist Movement comprises groups and individuals representing a variety of opinions and views on social, cultural, and spiritual issues; and

Whereas special attention and consideration are required in relation to the unique nature and emphases of the diversity of positions and opinions within the common denominator of Zionism,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

The Zionist Congress charges the World Zionist Organization, its elected officers, and its representatives in the national institutions, to renew the Zionist Movement’s active involvement as a leader in Jewish-Zionist education, in all its diversity and components, and to take action to promote and implement the following resolutions:

- A. To assist all formal and informal Jewish-Zionist educational systems in developing educational and spiritual curricula adapted to their specific target audiences.
- C. To encourage and assist organizations, institutions, synagogues, and communities engaged in the instruction of Hebrew language instruction and education to Jewish heritage and the Zionist idea.
- D. To designate youth movements, synagogues and communities and as an important public for spiritual, cultural, and social Zionist activities.

52. Campaign in Support of the Justice of the Zionist Idea

Whereas we believe in the legitimacy and moral nature of the Zionist idea; and

Whereas we currently find ourselves at the height of a strong worldwide wave of anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic activity; and

Whereas the main response to this wave until now, on behalf of the State of Israel and Jewish entities, has been focused on refuting anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic propaganda and in explicating Israel’s positions through Hasbara; and

Whereas the World Zionist Organization was established in order to promote the Zionist idea and its fulfillment, and as such, was the driving force in gaining recognition of the Jewish people’s right to a national home in its land,

It is hereby resolved that:

The Zionist Movement will define as its primary goal the promotion of the Zionist Idea and the representation of its moral and legitimate foundation, both to Jews and non-Jews throughout the world. The World Zionist Organization and the Zionist Federations worldwide will take action, in cooperation with other local and international bodies, to advocate for the legitimacy of the Zionist Idea and the Jewish people’s right to self-determination in its historic homeland.

53. Expanding Jewish Education in the Diaspora

Whereas we are witness to the problems in the absorption process which are experienced by mixed families, mainly from Eastern Europe, many of whom have not yet regulated their conversion,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

To take action to increase and empower Jewish education in the Diaspora for the purpose of facilitating the absorption of new immigrants in Israel.

54. Educational and Hasbara Activities among Israeli Youth and in Institutions of Higher Education

Whereas an orientation toward transforming Israel into a “state of all its citizens,” is developing among radical streams in Israeli society, and this trend constitutes an existential threat to the future of the Jewish state and the entire Zionist enterprise; and

Whereas we are witness that Zionism without Jewish values or ties to tradition weakens Zionist identity and the connection to the (Jewish) people and the Land of Israel; and

Whereas we are witnessing anti-Zionist and post-Zionist phenomena, especially among instructors and students at leading Israeli universities,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

- A. To act through a Hasbara framework and educational activities among Israeli youth, in the Jewish and democratic State of Israel as a state of all its citizens, and to ensure that all graduates of Israeli high schools visit Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, the Israel Knesset, and various heritage sites.
- B. The Zionist Organization will encourage initiatives to reinforce the link connecting youth and the entire Jewish public to the "Jewish bookshelf", and will encourage the study of Judaism, Israel studies, and the history of the Jewish people.
- C. The Zionist Organization will encourage the establishment of Zionist bodies at universities and yeshivot in the Diaspora, and will initiate Zionist activities at institutions of higher education.

55. Training for the 'Jewish Life Movement'

Whereas the Zionist Movement is interested in deepening its engagement in educational processes within Jewish frameworks and youth movements and movements in Israel and in the Diaspora (among youth and next generation);

The Zionist Congress resolves:

To develop “Training for the Jewish Life Movement” based on a universal, pluralistic Jewish spirit, through the framework of colleges in Israel. The College Programs will focus on the issue of individual and collective Jewish existence in the era of human complexity of Jewish communities, the existential nature of the political rift in Israel, Jewish tradition and culture in light of the principles of pluralism and universalism, and all from both a historical and contemporary perspective. The Jewish Life Movement "College" may be integrated into the framework of MASA programs.

56. Institutions and Colleges for Zionist Education

Whereas innovative developments in electronic and digital communications currently provide access to tens of thousands of individuals within a short time and at low cost; and

Whereas the vast majority of Jewish children, teenagers, and young adults are currently exposed to and utilize electronic media at school and in their homes,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

To encourage the establishment of a virtual global Zionism College to operate the following programs:

- Series of seminars and study days to train a cadre of existing and future Zionist leaders.
- A global multi-lingual pedagogical center, which concentrates all existing publications published in Israel and in the Diaspora, and disseminates them worldwide.
- A global multi-lingual website that facilitates information dissemination, chats on Zionism and interactive study, and contains links to all the websites in the world pertaining to Jewish Zionist education.
- To develop written and electronic, inter-personal and inter-community communications among schools, synagogues, and communities in Israel and in the Diaspora.

57. Campaign Against Assimilation

Whereas Aliyah and the prevention of assimilation are some of the cornerstones of Zionism,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

To conduct a campaign against assimilation by promoting Jewish-Zionist education, in order to reinforce Jewish identity.

58. Reinforcing Commitment to Israel

Whereas the Zionist Congress views the training of Zionist leadership in Israeli society as of value and importance to Israel’s Jewish-Zionist future;

The Zionist Congress resolves:

To charge the Zionist Executive, in conjunction with the Executive of the Zionist Council, to establish and support a leadership training system, in order to instill in young people a commitment to Israel as the state of the Jewish people, and the need to strengthen connections with the Jewish communities.

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59. The Pre-Military Preparatory College for Zionist Leadership

Whereas the Zionist Congress views with importance the existence of the Zionist Council in Israel's Pre-Military Preparatory College for Zionist Leadership in the Negev; and

Whereas the Zionist Congress views pre-military preparatory programs as an important social-Zionist enterprise to foster the involvement, responsibility, and leadership for the next generation; and

Whereas the Zionist Congress is aware of the problems involved in maintaining the operations of such preparatory programs,

The Zionist Congress calls upon:

The Government of Israel to increase the budgets allocated to the pre-military preparatory programs and facilitate the growth in the number of these programs in the coming years.

60. The Zionist Youth Congress in Israel

Whereas the Zionist Congress views with great favor the educational enterprise of the Zionist Youth Congress in Israel, and considers it a focal Zionist enterprise of the World Zionist Organization in which all the youth entities engaged in Zionist education and activity are partners,

The Zionist Congress

Calls upon the Zionist Executive to support and assist the Zionist Youth Congress.

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