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RESOLUTION  
PROPOSALS FOR  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENTS

**Towards the Zionist  
General Council XXXVIII/4  
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**1.1 Defense of the Jewish and Democratic Character of the World  
Zionist Organization**

*Proposal submitted by Moises Mitrani  
On behalf of the Zionist Council of Mexico*

**Whereas** it is fundamental to maintain the values of Zionism and the State of Israel as a Jewish and Democratic state; and

**Whereas** political organizations that do not espouse the principles enshrined in articles 2A and 7(d) of the constitution of the World Zionist Organization, stating that Zionism is a movement which adheres to the basic principles of justice, equality and democracy and which rejects discrimination based on origin, nationality, race, gender or sexual orientation, have been active on their attempt to participate in the Zionist Congress; and

**Whereas** in the spirit of the Basic Law: The Knesset of the State of Israel, article 7A, it is legitimate to prohibit the participation in elections of lists and persons “if the goals or actions of the list or the actions of the person, expressly or by implication, include one of the following:

(1) negation of the existence of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state;

(2) incitement to racism;

(3) support for armed struggle by a hostile state or a terrorist organization against the State of Israel.

**The Zionist General Council resolves:**

1. To amend the RULES FOR THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE ZIONIST CONGRESS to include an article that reads:

A candidates list shall not participate in elections to the Zionist Congress, and a person shall not be a candidate for election as a delegate to the Zionist Congress, if the goals or actions of the list or the actions of the person, expressly or by implication, include one of the following:

(1) negation of the existence of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state;

(2) incitement to racism or discrimination based on origin, nationality, race, gender or sexual orientation

(3) support for armed struggle by a hostile state or a terrorist organization against the State of Israel.

- 1        2. That each Area Election Committee will have the discretion to reject a list or
- 2            person from participating in the elections to the Zionist Congress on the basis
- 3            of this article.
- 4        3. That the rejection can be appealed to the Zionist Supreme Court.

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**2.1 Encouraging service in the IDF**

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*Proposal submitted by Karma Feinstein*

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*On behalf of the Brit Herut Olami*

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11        After section 2, paragraph 2, subsection 6, the following section 7. will be inserted:

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13            7. Encouraging service in the Israel Defense Forces and strengthening

14            it as    the protective force of the Jewish people living in Zion.

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**3.1 Preventing support for BDS**

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*Proposal Submitted by Adi Samson*

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*On behalf of Organization of Orthodox Synagogues and Communities*

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*and Mizrachi World Faction*

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22        In Article 3 in the definition " Zionist international organization", after the words

23        "Jerusalem Program" at the end of the paragraph the following words shall be

24        added:

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and which does not support or is supported by organizations that call

26        for a    boycott of any kind against the State of Israel and its institutions.

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**3.2 Recognition of New federations**

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*Proposal Submitted by Adi Samson*

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*On behalf of Organization of Orthodox Synagogues and Communities*

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*and Mizrachi World Faction*

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After Article 5, section 4, subsection (e) the following subsection (f) shall be added:

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(f) In any case, in the period between two congresses, the World

35        Zionist Organization shall not recognize more than 2 new Zionist or

36        Jewish federations.

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**3.3 Substitution of a member of the Extended Executive***Proposal Submitted by Adi Samson**On behalf of Organization of Orthodox Synagogues and Communities  
and Mizrahi World Faction*

After Article 41, section 2, subsection (A)(3) the following subsection (A)(4) shall be inserted:

(4) Should one of the members of the extended executive be prevented from participating in the meeting, his place will be filled by an acting representative on behalf of the faction, provided that he is qualified to serve as a full-fledged member of the extended executive.

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**4.1 Proposed amendment to Abide by Diaspora Laws***Proposal Submitted by Elizabeth Berney, Esq.**On behalf of Organization of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA)*

**Whereas** the Halachic principle of “dina d’malchuta dina” – that one must abide by the laws of the land in which one lives – is important and helps avoid conflicts between Jews and Diaspora countries in which they reside; and

**Whereas** sex and age quotas violate or may violate anti-discrimination laws or regulations of certain diaspora jurisdictions that elect or appoint delegates to the World Zionist Congress;

**Therefore, The Zionist General Council** hereby amends article 5 of the World Zionist Organization Constitution by adding the following new Section 4(ad):

4(ad): If the sex or age quotas set forth in Sections 4(ab) and (ac) violate or may violate the age or sex discrimination laws or regulations of a Diaspora country in which the body or International Organization operates, then Sections 4(ab) and (ac) shall not be binding on bodies and/or organizations and slate lists and delegates elected from those countries. To the extent legally permissible, Sections 4(ab) and (ac) shall, at most, goals to aspire to, however non-binding for bodies and/or organizations and slate lists and delegates elected from those countries.

#### **4.2 Proposed Amendment to Disqualify BDS Supporters**

*Proposal Submitted by Elizabeth Berney, Esq.*

*On behalf of Organization of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA)*

**Whereas**, Theodore Herzl, founder of the Zionist Congress, wrote in his inspiring books *The Jewish State* and *The Altneuland*, that anti-Jewish boycotts and imposts (sanctions) were types of evil persecutions against Jews that made a Jewish State necessary; and

**Whereas**, BDS groups admit that their aim is to delegitimize and economically destroy the Jewish state;

**Whereas**, the first official action of the Nazi government was a boycott of Jewish businesses;

**Whereas**, after October 7, boycotts of Israel, Israelis and Jews have surged throughout the world;

**Whereas**, the Israeli Supreme Court called BDS against Jewish and Israeli businesses "political terrorism"; upheld Israel's 2017 anti-BDS law barring entry into Israel of BDS supporters; held that BDS directed at territories controlled by Israel is also unlawful; and upheld Israel's 2011 anti-boycott laws imposing civil tort liability and administrative sanctions on boycott supporters, and barring them from obtaining government contracts;

**Whereas**, BDS has caused both Jews and non-Jews to lose their livelihoods; and, as former Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni stated, boycotts "undermine[] positive relations";

**Whereas**, "partial" boycotts often spread to boycotts of all of Israel and Jews throughout the world;

**Whereas**, in 2016, the Zionist Congress XXXVII adopted a resolution declaring "That it shall be the policy of the Zionist Congress, the WZO, the Zionist General Council, and the Inner and Outer Executive, and to recommend to our representatives in Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael (KKL), and all Zionist Enterprises, the Zionist World Unions, and all other entities described in the WZO Constitution, to oppose and combat BDS in all its forms, including opposing and combating BDS against Jewish businesses and academic and cultural institutions and Jewish/Israeli individuals, artists and academics in Israel, in territories controlled by Israel, and around the world."

**Whereas**, in 2019, the Zionist General Council adopted a resolution stating that "any person or organization supporting BDS must be excluded from the Zionist movement."

1 **Whereas**, amending the WZO Constitution will carry out the anti-boycott policies  
2 previously affirmed by this World Zionist Congress and Zionist General Council;

3 **The Zionist General Council** hereby amends article 5 of the World Zionist  
4 Organization Constitution by adding the following new Section 4(ae):

5 4(ae): Slates, organizations and individuals that support Boycott  
6 Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) efforts, either directly or indirectly,  
7 and either “full” or “partial” BDS including BDS against territories  
8 controlled by Israel, shall be disqualified from admission to or from  
9 serving as Members or leaders of the World Zionist Organization,  
10 Zionist Territorial or Inter-territorial Bodies, and Jewish National or  
11 International bodies; and from participating in the Congress, the  
12 Council and other bodies of the World Zionist Organization, and from  
13 participating in elections of delegates to the Zionist Congress.

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### **5.1 Article 3 of the Constitution- Definitions**

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*Proposal Submitted by*

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*Shoshana Dweck and Harry Levy on behalf of Arzenu;*

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*Emily Levy-Shochat on behalf of Mercaz;*

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*Kachol Lavan;*

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*Chaya Cohen on behalf of World Avoda;*

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*Peleg Reshef on behalf of Yesh Atid;*

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*Ehud Bandel on behalf of World Union of Meretz;*

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*Jason Herman on behalf of Kol Israel/World Confederation;*

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*Nisan Cialic on behalf of Tnuat Hamerkaz HaLiberalit Hanoar Hatzioni;*

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*Ilan Barkan on behalf of Beitenu Olami*

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28 Explanation: The Jerusalem Program, which anyone voting or standing in the Zionist  
29 Congress is supposed to sign, is defined in Article 2 of the Zionist Constitution.  
30 However, this article has two parts (2, 2A). Part 2 defines the “foundations of Zionism”  
31 (Aliyah, the struggle against antisemitism, Jewish education, mutual liability, etc.),  
32 while part 2A defines the “nature of Zionism” (commitment to the Declaration of  
33 Independence, democracy, non-discrimination on grounds of gender, etc.). However,  
34 people are only required to sign Part 2. The amendment seeks to establish that the  
35 Jerusalem Program includes the entire article.

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- Accordingly, the amendment establishes that the Jerusalem Program by  
37 definition includes both the “foundations of Zionism” and the “nature of  
38 Zionism,” i.e., Article 2 of the Zionist Constitution in its entirety.

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***Article 3***

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*Amended November 2017*



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The provisions of this Constitution refer equally to members of both sexes and the use of the masculine form has been adopted solely for the purpose of convenience, and is not intended as prejudicial and/or to create any discrimination whatsoever.

The terms specified hereinafter shall have the meanings set forth beside them, if no other meaning is indicated by the provision itself or the context.

"*Congress*" – means the Zionist Congress;

"*Council*" – means the Zionist General Council or the Actions Committee;

"*Executive*" – means the Inner Executive of the World Zionist Organization as defined in Article 41, Section 1 herein below, unless stated specifically that the intention is the Outer Executive, as defined in Article 41, Section 2 herein below;

"*Member*" – means individual members joining the World Zionist Organization in accordance with the provisions of Article 5, Section 1 herein below; a Zionist Territorial Organization; a Zionist International Organization, in so far as all those are members of the World Zionist Organization;

"**Jerusalem Program**" – means Articles 2 and 2A of the Zionist Constitution, i.e., the foundations of Zionism and the nature of Zionism, jointly.

"*Zionist International Organization*" – means a Zionist Jewish body operating on the territory of various countries, which has accepted the Jerusalem Program and each of their members have individually accepted the Jerusalem Program<sup>1</sup>;

"*Zionist Federation*" – means a Zionist Territorial Organization consisting of Zionist bodies and individual Zionists; both the members of Zionist bodies and Zionists unaffiliated with such bodies, who are enrolled by the Federation as members, are individual members of the Zionist Federation and individual members of the World Zionist Organization.

"*Zionist World Union*" – means a Zionist organization which represents a special ideological point of view within the World Zionist Organization, which has branches in at least five countries and is represented by a Congress Grouping.

## **5.2 Article 5 of the Constitution- Membership**

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*Peleg Reshef on behalf of Yesh Atid;*

*Ehud Bandel on behalf of World Union of Meretz;*

*Jason Herman on behalf of Kol Israel/World Confederation;*

*Nisan Cialic on behalf of Tnuat Hamerkaz HaLiberalit Hanoar Hatzioni;*

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*Ilan Barkan on behalf of Beitenu Olami*Explanation:

- Enshrining the determination that the Jerusalem Program includes all of Article 2, i.e., also the definition of the nature of Zionism (the Declaration of Independence) and not only the first part of the article.
- Abolishing the possibility for individuals to join Zionist Federations across the world through the WZO offices in Jerusalem.
- Enshrining the definition of “Jew” in the Zionist Constitution for the purposes of voting / joining a Zionist Federation, in accordance with its definition in the Law of Return. This is needed due to attempts in the past to sign up as members of the Zionist movement the members of Evangelist Christian communities who defined themselves as “also Jewish.” The Law of Return presents two important restrictions that may be helpful in this respect. The first establishes that a person cannot be a “member of another religion” and be considered Jewish for the purpose of Aliyah. The second regards conversion and establishes that if a conversion was performed abroad, it must take place in “a recognized Jewish community,” i.e., one that is recognized as Jewish by the Jewish Agency and/or the Interior Ministry of the State of Israel.

*Article 5**Amended October 2018*

membership

**Section 1**

Every Jew who has reached the age of eighteen and is willing to accept the Jerusalem Program (**Article 2 of the Zionist Constitution, in full**) and pay membership dues (“the Zionist Shekel”) in an amount to be determined as stipulated in the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution, may be an individual member of the World Zionist Organization. Registration of membership shall be through affiliation to the Zionist Federation in his place of permanent residence and in accordance with the rules of said Federation, or through a local branch of a Zionist World Union or through a Zionist Territorial or Inter-Territorial Organization ~~or directly to the World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem. An individual member who registers directly to the World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem, will automatically be considered a member of the local Zionist Federation in his place of permanent residence.~~ For the purpose of this section, a Jew means a person eligible to make Aliyah to Israel in accordance with the Law of Return, and who is not a member of another religion (as stated in the Law of Return 5710-1950).

Details regarding the manner of joining and registering individual members shall be determined in the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution.

### 5.3 Article 7 of the Constitution- Zionist Federation

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*Emily Levy-Shochat on behalf of Mercaz;*

*Kachol Lavan;*

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*Peleg Reshef on behalf of Yesh Atid;*

*Ehud Bandel on behalf of World Union of Meretz;*

*Jason Herman on behalf of Kol Israel/World Confederation;*

*Nisan Cialic on behalf of Tnuat Hamerkaz HaLiberalit Hanoar Hatzioni;*

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#### Explanation:

- Enshrining the requirement that every individual and every body wishing to join a Global Zionist Federation must sign the Jerusalem Program in its full form, i.e., including the commitment as it appears in the Zionist Constitution to the Declaration of Independence and its values.
- Enshrining the requirement for any Zionist body in the WZO, whether veteran or a body wishing to join, to include in its articles of association and on its website the fact that it adopts the Jerusalem Program and celebrates Israel Independence Day.
- An amendment determining that the establishment of a new federation shall require that there be not fewer than 1,500 Jews in the relevant country. (It will be possible to admit a federation as an “observer,” as appears in the proposed amendments below).

### **Article 7**

*Amended June 2012, November 2017, October 2018, October 2019*

#### Zionist Federation

In order to be a Member of the World Zionist Organization, a Zionist Federation shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) Admit as a member every Zionist body and individual who accepts **through the signature of its authorized representatives** the Constitution of the Federation and the program of the World Zionist Organization (“The Jerusalem Program,” **Article 2 of the Zionist Constitution**) and the **definition of the nature of Zionism as stated above (Article 2A of the Zionist Constitution)**, unless in the opinion of the Federation there exists a weighty reason against such admission. A Federation is not entitled to refuse the admission of a body affiliated with a Zionist World Union.

1 (b) Any body that is a member of Zionist Federation shall include in its  
 2 articles of association the fact that it accepts the Jerusalem Program (Article 2  
 3 of the Zionist Constitution), the character of Zionism (Article 2A of the Zionist  
 4 Constitution), and celebrates Israel Independence Day. In addition, Article 2  
 5 and Article 2A of the Constitution shall be displayed prominently on the  
 6 website of the said body. This sub-section shall apply both to existing bodies  
 7 and to new bodies.

8 (c) Any international body represented in a Zionist Federation shall include in  
 9 its documents of incorporation the statement that it accepts the Jerusalem  
 10 Program (Article 2 of the Zionist Constitution). The nature of Zionism (Article  
 11 2A of the Zionist Constitution), and celebrates Independence Day.  
 12 Furthermore, Article 2 and Article 2A of the Constitution shall be displayed  
 13 prominently on the website of the said body. This article shall apply both to  
 14 existing bodies and to new bodies.

15 ~~(b)~~(d) The number of individual members of any Federation that is a member  
 16 of the World Zionist Organization shall be no less than 100.

17 (e) A federation shall not be admitted as a member of the World Zionist  
 18 Organization if the number of Jews in the country it represents is below 1,500.  
 19 The provision in this sub-section does not impair the status of federations  
 20 admitted to the World Zionist Organization prior to the amendment of this  
 21 article.

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25 **5.4 Article 10 of the Zionist Constitution: Expulsion/Suspension of a Body in**  
 26 **the Zionist Movement**

27 *Proposal Submitted by*

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29 *Emily Levy-Shochat on behalf of Mercaz;*

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33 *Ehud Bandel on behalf of World Union of Meretz;*

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35 *Nisan Cialic on behalf of Tnuat Hamerkaz HaLiberalit Hanoar Hatzioni;*

36 *Ilan Barkan on behalf of Beitenu Olami*

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 38 Explanation: Over the years, several suggestions have been raised regarding the  
 39 expulsion of various bodies from the Zionist movement. This is not healthy and is liable

1 to construct freedom of expression in the Zionist movement (due to concern at  
 2 possible expulsion); it could even descend to the level of the tyranny of a chance  
 3 majority against a chance minority. Accordingly, it is desirable to make it a little harder  
 4 to expel a body from the Zionist movement and to bring this into line, in formal terms,  
 5 with the process for admitting a new federation (in an inverted form). This explains  
 6 the proposal to add sub-section 4 below.

7 **Article 10**

8 *Amended November 2017, October 2018*

9 Addition:

10 **Section 4: Special Provisions in Relation to the Enactment of Sanctions against a**  
 11 **Zionist World Union or an International Zionist Organization**

12 In the event that a Zionist World Union or an International Zionist Organization has  
 13 not complied with the conditions for recognition, in accordance with the provisions in  
 14 Articles 5, 7, 9A above or has not furnished said information within a reasonable  
 15 period without justifiable cause, and/or has not corrected whatever required  
 16 correction, as determined by the Executive,  
 17 the Extended Executive after affording the Zionist World Union or the International  
 18 Zionist Organization the right to a hearing, in writing or verbally, before a Committee  
 19 appointed by the Extended Executive, comprised proportionally to the strength of the  
 20 groupings and including representatives from the Diaspora, is entitled to propose to  
 21 the Zionist General Council to suspend the said Zionist World Union or International  
 22 Zionist Organization: the suspension of said Zionist Federation in the World Zionist  
 23 Organization, to expel it from the World Zionist Organization, or to impose another  
 24 appropriate sanction upon it. The decision on a proposal of the Extended Executive as  
 25 stated shall be adopted in the presence of not less than two-thirds of the Zionist  
 26 General Council members and with a majority of not less than two-thirds.

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**5.5 Article 21 of the Zionist Constitution: Representation of Israeli Political**  
**Parties in the Congress**

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 2 *Nisan Cialic on behalf of Tnuat Hamerkaz HaLiberalit Hanoar Hatzioni;*  
 3 *Ilan Barkan on behalf of Beitenu Olami*

4 Explanation: An amendment requiring that a Zionist party, like a Zionist alliance, must  
 5 sign the Jerusalem Program before receiving mandates at the Congress.

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 7 **Article 21**

8 *Amended June 2012*

9 **Section 1**

10 *Congress Representation of Israel*

11 No elections to Congress shall be held in the State of Israel. The Committee for  
 12 Determining the Representation shall appoint the delegates in accordance with the  
 13 relative strength of the Zionist parties in the last Knesset elected prior to the opening  
 14 of the Congress. A party in the Knesset which adheres to or advocates discrimination  
 15 based on origin, nationality, race, gender or sexual orientation, **or a party whose**  
 16 **chairperson in the Knesset has not signed the Jerusalem Program (Articles 2 and 2A of**  
 17 **the Zionist Constitution)** shall not be represented at Congress.

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21 **5.6 Article 41A of the Zionist Constitution: Replacement of a representative**  
 22 **in the Zionist Executive by the appointing body**

23 *Proposal Submitted by*

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33 Explanation: This amendment will permit a union, faction or organization that  
 34 appointed a person to a particular position to replace them with another person –  
 35 after the said union or organization has made a decision on the matter in its  
 36 empowered institutions, stated grounds in writing, and submitted it for the approval  
 37 of the Zionist General Council.

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**Article 41 A**

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*Amended November 2017*

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~~Notwithstanding any provisions of this Constitution to the contrary, or any inference which may be drawn from such provision,~~ In any instance in which

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~~(a)~~ an individual has been put forward by a World Union, Faction or

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International Organization, for election to the Outer Executive, the Inner

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Executive, the Zionist General Council or its Presidium or any of its

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committees, the Jewish Agency for Israel Board of Governors or its Executive,

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or to the Directorate of Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael, or to any other elected

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position within the National Institutions, ~~and (b)~~ and such individual has

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entered into a written agreement that he or she will resign from that position

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when officially requested to do so by ~~vote of~~ the Executive of that World

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Union, Faction or International Organization, such agreement and resignation

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shall be recognized by the World Zionist Organization. *Alternatively, in any*

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*instance in which the said person has not signed an agreement as stated, but*

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*the executive of that World Union or the executive of that Faction or the*

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*executive of that International Organization wishes to terminate his office,*

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*then through its representative, and after stating in writing the grounds for its*

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*request, it must submit a request to the World Zionist Organization to*

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*terminate the office of that person in the position to which he was appointed,*

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*and in any such instance, the position shall be filled in accordance with the*

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*applicable provisions for filling vacancies in the affected position(s), after the*

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*request of that World Union, Faction or International Organization has been*

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*adopted by a majority vote or referendum among the members of the Zionist*

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*General Council. Notwithstanding what is stated in this Constitution and its*

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*Regulations, the request of a World Union, Faction or International*

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*Organization to hold a vote/referendum as stated shall be executed within 14*

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*days from the date of receipt of the request.*

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**5.7 Article 11 of the Regulations: A Federation that Fails to Meet the  
Conditions Shall be Admitted as an Observer Only**

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 5 Explanation: An amendment permitting the admission of new federations, even if they  
 6 do not meet the rules (e.g., they do not meet the minimum number of members, there  
 7 are not enough Jews in the relevant country, etc.), but with observer status – i.e.,  
 8 without mandates in Congress.

9 **Article 11**

10 Deviations

11 **Section 1**

12 The Council may, upon the proposal of the Outer Executive, decide, by a two-thirds'  
 13 majority of its members entitled to vote, to admit as Member of the World Zionist  
 14 Organization a Zionist Territorial Organization which has recognized the Zionist  
 15 Program as set out in Article 2 and 2A of the **Zionist Constitution**, but has not fulfilled  
 16 all the requirements indicated in the foregoing Article. **The Federation shall be**  
 17 **admitted with observer status. The status of an observer-member shall be reexamined**  
 18 **at its request prior to each Congress.**

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22 **5.8 Regulation 1A: Abolishing Individual Affiliation**

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 32 *Ilan Barkan on behalf of Beitenu Olami*

33 Explanation: Abolishing the possibility for individuals to join a Zionist Federation  
 34 through the WZO offices in Jerusalem.

35 **Regulation 1A**

36 (Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution)



*Amended October 2018*

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In accordance with above Article 5, Section 1, the following provisions shall apply in relation to registration of individual membership, where said provisions shall not have any deleterious impact on the modes of enrolment for members prevailing in any Zionist Federation in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution:

(a) A Zionist Federation shall stipulate and publicize regulations for the affiliation and registration of individuals, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and the present Regulation.

(b) A Zionist Federation shall prepare a membership registration form, which shall be published on the Federation's official website.

(c) It is compulsory that the enrolment form include an agreement signed by the applicant to become a member of the World Zionist Organization and the "Jerusalem Program". Similarly, the form shall include information essential to the identification of the applicant: given name, surname, date of birth, personal identity document in accordance with what is acceptable in that country, country of permanent residence and, insofar as online registration is concerned, details of personal banking identification.

(d) Payment of membership dues (the Zionist Shekel) is personal.

(e) Said form shall include information for the use of the applicant's personal details and said applicant's agreement to the usage that will be made of such information, compliant with the GDPR regulations, in any country where these may apply.

~~(f) The World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem shall upload an identical form on its website to that appearing on each Zionist Federation website.~~

(g) Anyone wishing to affiliate shall complete and sign the enrolment form of the Zionist Federation in his place of permanent residence ~~or shall complete and sign the affiliation form via the website of the World Zionist Organization~~ and shall pay the membership dues (Zionist Shekel). A person wishing to affiliate may also send the signed form with the payment order to the offices of the Zionist Federation ~~or those of the World Zionist Organization.~~

(h) A Zionist Federation shall notify an enrolment applicant within 45 days from receipt of the application for affiliation whether said application has been accepted or rejected. In the instance of rejection of an application, said Federation is obligated to state reasons for the rejection. Should an applicant for enrolment not have received said notification, he shall be entitled ~~to appeal to the Zionist Court. enroll via the World Zionist Organization website, stating that he has paid his membership dues but has not received a notification from said Zionist Federation in respect of his application.~~

1 ~~(i) In the instance of a person registering via the World Zionist Organization~~  
2 ~~website, said application shall be forwarded to the Zionist Federation in his place~~  
3 ~~of permanent residence within a period of 30 days from the day of enrolment.~~  
4 ~~If there is no objection by said Zionist Federation, those registering via the World~~  
5 ~~Zionist Organization website automatically become members of said Federation,~~  
6 ~~subject to the regulations stipulated in the Byelaws of said Zionist Federation~~  
7 ~~(reasonable period of qualification, etc.). Said Federation shall decide upon the~~  
8 ~~matter of such membership within 60 days of receipt of the request as~~  
9 ~~forwarded. Any applicant penalized by a Zionist Federation's decision to reject~~  
10 ~~his application for membership in said Federation is entitled to appeal in that~~  
11 ~~respect. Said appeal shall be deliberated at a specially constituted Committee~~  
12 ~~established by the Executive, comprised relative to the strength of the groupings~~  
13 ~~at the Zionist General Council. Said appellant is entitled to appear in person~~  
14 ~~before the Committee or appoint a representative. The World Zionist~~  
15 ~~Organization Attorney shall be invited to attend the Committee's discussion. The~~  
16 ~~Committee's decision may be appealed to the Zionist Supreme Court.~~

17 (j) Every Zionist Federation is entitled to determine the amount of its membership  
18 dues (Zionist Shekel) for the inter-Congress period (a five year period) and shall  
19 publicize that information on its website. It is obligatory that the Zionist  
20 Federation shall determine the amount of its membership dues in the first  
21 instance within three months from the adoption of these Regulations by the  
22 Zionist General Council.

23 (k) The Executive shall set a uniform level of enrolment fee on a one-time basis to  
24 apply to those Zionist Federations that did not determine the amount of their  
25 membership dues under the above provision.

26 ~~(l) The membership dues of a person who enrolled via the World Zionist~~  
27 ~~Organization website shall be transferred to the Zionist Federation in his place~~  
28 ~~of permanent residence.~~

29 (m) An individual wishing to affiliate is entitled to enroll at branches of the World  
30 Zionist Unions and Inter-territorial Jewish Organizations in any Zionist  
31 Federation, by means of signature upon the application form prepared by said  
32 Zionist Federation. Mutatis mutandis, payment of membership dues (the Zionist  
33 Shekel) shall be individual, as per the provision in sub-Section (d) above.

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12 Explanation: An amendment requiring a Federation to adopt electronic voting on the  
 13 demand of at least two of the competing lists.

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 15 **Regulation 13**

16 **Election Method**

- 17 (c) The AEC may decide on indirect elections (Electoral College) or introduce voting  
 18 by mail **or introduce voting by electronic ballot** as an exclusive form of balloting,  
 19 or in addition to voting in polling stations. If the AEC has taken such decision it  
 20 shall enact Rules for indirect elections or voting by mail **or electronic voting**, as  
 21 the case may be, within one month from the adoption of such decision and  
 22 submit those rules to the Central Election Board for approval. **The AEC shall be**  
 23 **required to hold electronic voting if at least two lists of candidates (as defined**  
 24 **in Regulation 2, including a list with observer status) so demand. The AEC shall**  
 25 **receive assistance as required from the WZO in order to implement and**  
 26 **successfully hold the said electronic voting.**

30 **5.10 Regulation 5 of the Regulations for the Elections to the Zionist Congress:**  
 31 **The Right to Vote – Voting by Israelis Overseas**

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Explanation: Israelis living abroad may vote in the Zionist Congress elections if they did not vote in the most recent elections to the Knesset in Israel (prior to Congress). Since there is concern that Israelis may seek to abuse this provision, and it will be difficult to enforce the said prohibition in the Constitution, the amendment seeks to make it more difficult than at present to circumvent the rules. The amendment establishes that only an Israel who is a permanent resident in the relevant country, and who did not vote in the Knesset elections, may vote for Congress. The amendment also adds a clear declaration deterring those wishing to vote unlawfully, stating that the declarant is aware that a false declaration for this purpose is tantamount to obtaining a thing by deceit (Article 415 of the Penal Code), incurring a penalty of up to three years' imprisonment.

## **Regulation 5 The Right to Vote**

### **In territories in which there is a Zionist Federation**

(A) Every Jew who has reached the age of eighteen years in the year of the opening of Congress, and who is a member of a Zionist Federation and meets his undertakings, as detailed in the Regulations of the Membership Enterprise (Decision No. 22 of the Executive, Tevet 5736 – January 1976), shall be entitled to vote for Congress.

(B) ~~In territories in which there is no Zionist Federation~~

~~Every Jew who has reached the age of eighteen years in the year of the opening of Congress, and who is a member of a Zionist Organization recognized as a member of the World Zionist Federation, and who meets his undertakings as detailed in the Regulations of the Membership Enterprise (Decision No. 22 of the Executive, Tevet 5736 – January 1976), shall be entitled to vote for Congress.~~

This Sub-section was abolished by a decision of the Zionist Executive in October 2018, subject to a temporary provision concerning the 38th Congress only.

(C) A person eligible to vote for the Israeli Knesset who reside permanently outside Israel and who did not exercise their right to vote in the most recent Knesset elections held prior to the Congress elections, shall be eligible to vote for Congress on the following cumulative conditions: Proof of permanent residency in the relevant country and the signing of declaration that he did not vote in the most recent Knesset elections, and that he is aware that a false declaration for this purpose is tantamount to obtaining a thing by deceit (Article 415 of the Penal Code), incurring a penalty of up to three years' imprisonment.

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**5.11 Regulation 14 of the Zionist Congress Resolutions (1982): Bringing a Motion to a Plenary Meeting even if it Was Not Discussed in Committee**

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**Explanation:** The usual and desirable way to bring a motion for decision by Congress is firstly to discuss it in the relevant Committee. However, in some instances the discussion in committee is not exhausted or does not reach a vote, and the motion is then postponed to the next Executive meeting or Congress. This amendment permits, in exceptional circumstances – i.e., only after a request signed by one-third of the members of Congress – to bring a motion for a vote in a plenary meeting even if the committee discussion was not exhausted.

**Regulation 14: Committee Stage Obligatory**

Subject to the provisions of the Regulation 8(c), main motions shall not be put to the vote at the plenary meeting unless they have been previously dealt with by the competent Committee of the Congress, **unless a request by at least 250 delegates has been received to put the motion to the vote at the plenary meeting despite the fact that it has not been dealt with by the Committee or its discussion in Committee has not been completed.**

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**5.12 Regulation 17 of the Zionist Congress Resolutions (1982): Enhancing the Voting Process and Increasing Transparency**

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 6 Explanation of aspects requiring correction:

- 7 • Firstly, narrowing the authority of the Chairman to bring forward or delay a  
 8 vote on the agenda, and establishing that the order of voting shall be according  
 9 to the order in which the order of discussion/voting in committee. This is  
 10 required for two reasons: in order to facilitate the holding of electronic votes  
 11 and in order to prevent a committee chairman from delaying a vote for  
 12 arbitrary or political reasons.
- 13 • Secondly, eliminating voting by show of hand or use of clickers – methods that  
 14 have occasionally created difficulties concerning the propriety of the vote, and  
 15 establishing that henceforth voting shall be electronic, through a dedicated  
 16 website.

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18 Regulation 17:

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Mode of Voting

- 20 (d) The order of the voting shall be ~~determined by the Chairman. At the request of~~  
 21 ~~the proponent the vote shall be taken separately on each part of the motion or~~  
 22 ~~on several parts together and then the motion as a whole shall be put to the~~  
 23 ~~vote.~~ in accordance with the order of the Committees and the order of  
 24 presentation in the Committees. At the demand of the motion proposer, a vote  
 25 shall be held on each individual section of the motion separately, or on several  
 26 sections jointly, and lastly a vote shall be held on the motion in its entirety.
- 27 (e) ~~Voting shall be by show of hands; by order of the Chairman or at the request of~~  
 28 ~~a delegate of the Congress, delegate cards shall be shown.~~ Voting shall be by  
 29 means of a dedicated website / dedicated application to be prepared ahead of  
 30 Congress through which the delegates shall vote using a personal code received  
 31 by each person eligible to vote.
- 32 (f) Voting shall be ~~by roll call, or by~~ secret ~~written~~ ballot, if so requested by 60  
 33 delegates or by the Presidium or by the Executive.

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1 *Proposal submitted by Arnan Felman*

2 *On behalf of World Likud*

3 Explanatory Notes:

4 In recent years, and even more so after the October 7th attack, the State of Israel is  
5 under an anti-Semitic attack which undermines the foundations of the State of Israel  
6 and the morality of the Israel Defense Forces as the protector of the security of Israel  
7 and its citizens. The Zionist movement's guiding light is the promotion of Zionist  
8 values and the fight against hatred of Israel and anti-Semitism. In the face of the  
9 boycott from organizations that promote delegitimization of Israel, the fundamental  
10 structures of identity on which the Zionist movement is founded must be  
11 strengthened.

12 The purpose of the proposal is to make sure that every member who wants to take  
13 part in the elections of the Zionist Congress will declare his support for the State of  
14 Israel as a Jewish and democratic state, as a condition for his vote. This will also  
15 ensure that people who do not subscribe to these Zionist principles, do not come to  
16 determine the future of the Zionist movement through their votes.

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18 In Article 22 ('The Right to Vote and to be Elected') of the Constitution of the World  
19 Zionist Organization, section 4 will be added, and it will state:

20 The right to vote in the elections to the World Zionist Congress is conditional on the  
21 voter signing a preliminary declaration, as a condition for voting in the elections of  
22 the World Zionist Congress. The wording of the statement is as follows: "I pledge to  
23 support the Jerusalem plan and the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state."

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27 **6.2 Article 2 of the Constitution- Shabbat – The Day of Rest**

28 *Proposal submitted by Arnan Felman*

29 *On behalf of World Likud*

30 Explanatory Notes:

31 For thousands of years, Shabbat has been identified with the eternal values of  
32 Judaism and the Jewish people. The message of the Day of Rest was brought to the  
33 world by Judaism which contributed greatly to shaping the idea of the Day of Rest.

34 From the very beginning of Zionism, from Jabotinsky through Ahad Ha'am to Berel  
35 Katznelson, Zionist leaders gave a central place to the special value of Shabbat. As a  
36 direct continuation, the Zionist movement will strengthen the value of Shabbat as  
37 the Jewish people's day of rest and establish its value in the foundations of Zionism.  
38 The World Zionist Organization will serve as an example of the importance of

1 observing Shabbat in the public sphere and will declare the standstill of its  
2 operations, including the elections, on Shabbat.

3 In Article 2 - the Zionist program, the Jerusalem Program, paragraph 7 will be added  
4 to the foundations of Zionism, as follows:

5 7. Cultivating and strengthening the value of Shabbat as the day of rest  
6 and standstill for the Jewish people and the State of Israel, according  
7 to Israel's heritage in the public sphere.

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### **6.3 Regulation 17 of the Zionist Congress regulations- Shabbat – The Day of Rest**

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*Proposal submitted by Arnan Felman*

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*On behalf of World Likud*

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Explanatory Notes:

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For thousands of years, Shabbat has been identified with the eternal values of  
16 Judaism and the Jewish people. The message of the Day of Rest was brought to the  
17 world by Judaism which contributed greatly to shaping the idea of the Day of Rest.  
18 From the very beginning of Zionism, from Jabotinsky through Ahad Ha'am to Berel  
19 Katznelson, Zionist leaders gave a central place to the special value of Shabbat. As a  
20 direct continuation, the Zionist movement will strengthen the value of Shabbat as  
21 the Jewish people's day of rest and establish its value in the foundations of Zionism.  
22 The World Zionist Organization will serve as an example of the importance of  
23 observing Shabbat in the public sphere and will declare the standstill of its  
24 operations, including the elections, on Shabbat.

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In the election regulations, a new section shall be added:

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There will be no elections for an institution of the Zionist Congress and/or the  
27 World Zionist Organization on Shabbat, being the Jewish people's day of rest.

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### **7.1 Amendment Concerning Bodies and Individuals Eligible to Become Members 32 in the World Zionist Organization**

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*Proposal submitted by Rabbi Pesach Lerner, Zvi Gluck, Shoshana Halpern*

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*On behalf of Eretz Hakodesh*

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**Background notes:**



1 For years, the Jewish People as a whole, and the State of Israel, in particular, have  
2 been compelled to contend with attempts by hostile elements to harm them  
3 through a boycott. Throughout Jewish history, antisemitic elements have acted to  
4 impose economic boycotts on the Jewish People, in order to cause harm to them  
5 and damage their livelihood.

6 A notable example is the Nazi Party boycott of the Jews, imposed on April 1st, 1933,  
7 which served as the first move in a sequence of actions leading to the Holocaust of  
8 European Jewry.

9 Even prior to the establishment of the State of Israel, hostile elements attempted to  
10 cause harm to the Zionist movement through the imposition of an economic boycott  
11 on Zionist produce and businesses, or farms in Zionist ownership. Such measures  
12 reached their zenith with the establishment of the State of Israel, and the imposition  
13 of the "Arab boycott" by the Arab states, for the purpose of perpetuating the fight  
14 against the State of Israel via economic means and to damage both the state and the  
15 Zionist enterprise.

16 The State of Israel and its friends and allies fought such boycotts through legislation,  
17 which imposed sanctions, including criminal sanctions, on those who boycotted the  
18 State of Israel and/or the Jewish People. Thus, the Israeli Law to Prevent Harm to the  
19 State of Israel by a Boycott, 5771-2011 was enacted (and was further approved by an  
20 extended panel of the Supreme Court in High Court of Justice 5239/11 **Avneri vs. the**  
21 **Knesset**, 15 April 2015). Laws were enacted for that purpose in the United States,  
22 too: The Export Administration Act, 50 U.S.C (1979), and the Addendum to the Tax  
23 Reform Act of 1976, which imposed criminal penalties on boycott participants.

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25 With the rise of the phenomenon of boycotting Israel in recent years and, in  
26 particular, its re-emergence in the wake of the Iron Swords War, it is being proposed  
27 that the Zionist Movement should also join the fight, alongside the State of Israel and  
28 the United States, against the phenomenon of anti-Israel boycotts and remove from  
29 among its members anyone that supports such acts. It seems that anyone with  
30 common sense would realize that anti-Israeli and anti-Zionist elements should not be  
31 allowed to participate and become-members of the institutions of the Zionist  
32 Movement, against which they are actually fighting.

### 33 **Principles of the Proposed Amendment:**

34 It is being proposed to provide that any activists and supporters of a boycott on the  
35 State of Israel shall not be able to remain or become members of the World Zionist  
36 Organization, directly or through membership in a national Zionist Federation and  
37 shall be unable to serve in any Zionist position of office. It is being proposed that any  
38 support or action towards a boycott on Israel shall cause the expiry of any  
39 membership in the World Zionist Organization, and from that moment going forward  
40 all actions taken by such a member, including voting in ballots of any Zionist body,  
41 shall be null and void.

1 It is proposed to make it mandatory for all the Zionist Federations worldwide to  
 2 introduce such a provision in their bylaws and to enforce said provision upon their  
 3 members.

4 In order to allow individuals or organizations to present their arguments in the  
 5 matter, it is being proposed to provide an entitlement to appeal to the Zionist  
 6 Supreme Court concerning the support of such an individual or organization of a  
 7 boycott on Israel.

## 8 **The Proposed Amendment**

9 1. In Article 3 of the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization (hereinafter:  
 10 the "Constitution") -

11 The following wording shall follow the definition of a "Zionist World Union":

12 "A Boycott on the State of Israel" - an intentional withholding of any  
 13 engagement or tie, economic, cultural, academic, or otherwise, with  
 14 another person or agent because of their affinity or ties with the State  
 15 of Israel, an institution of the State of Israel or an area being under its  
 16 control.

17 "A Boycott Activist" –

18 (a) an individual or body of persons, who published a call to boycott the  
 19 State of Israel, or expressed praise, support, sympathy,  
 20 identification, or alignment with such a call, including anyone  
 21 presenting a symbol, a publication, a slogan, an anthem or hymn,  
 22 and so forth, of such a call.

23 In this section, "to publish" includes a republication of a publication,  
 24 too, unless such republication was made in protest or criticism of the  
 25 first publication.

26 (b) A body of persons in which a Boycott Activist holds "Means of  
 27 Control" shall be deemed a Boycott Activist. In this matter, a "Means  
 28 of Control" as such term is defined under the Companies Law, 5759-  
 29 1999, or section 88 of the Income Tax Ordinance [new version], with  
 30 the appropriate adjustments arising from the nature and legal  
 31 structure of such body of persons.

32 "A Boycott Supporter" - an individual or a body of persons acting in one  
 33 or more of the following ways:

- 34 (1) Providing a donation or support, monetary or equivalent, directly or  
 35 indirectly, to a Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter;  
 36 (2) A member or participant in any institution of a body of persons that  
 37 is a Boycott Activist;  
 38 (3) Assisting a Boycott Activist in any way;  
 39 (4) Publishing or expressing support of a Boycott Activist in any way, or  
 40 publishing or expressing identification, alignment or sympathy with  
 41 a Boycott Activist.

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2 2. In Article 5 of section 1 before the words "details regarding the manner of  
3 joining" the following words shall be added:

4 A Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter may not become a member  
5 of the World Zionist Organization. If a person becomes a Boycott  
6 Supporter or Boycott Activist after they have become a member of the  
7 World Zionist Organization - such membership shall expire forthwith.

8 3. In Article 7, after subsection (d), the following words shall be added:

9 (d1) To prevent the membership of a Boycott Activist or a Boycott  
10 Supporter and to remove any Boycott Activist or Boycott Supporter  
11 from among its ranks immediately. Every Zionist Federation shall  
12 include such provisions in its bylaws and such provisions shall be  
13 deemed incorporated in their bylaws, even if they were not included in  
14 them before.

15 4. In Article 10 of the Constitution -

16 At the end of section 1, the following words shall be added:

17 If a member of the General Council has reasonable grounds to  
18 believe that an individual member is a Boycott Activist or a Boycott  
19 Supporter, they may request the Zionist Supreme Court to remove  
20 such a member from the World Zionist Organization.

21 In section 2 after the words "Rejection of admission of an individual member who  
22 enrolled" the following words shall be added:

23 A member of the General Council may demand at any time from any  
24 Zionist Federation to provide information concerning compliance with  
25 the terms set out in section 5, concerning a Boycott Activist or a  
26 Boycott Supporter.

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28 At the end of section 3, the following words shall be added:

29 (a) If a Zionist Federation does not fulfill its obligations under section  
30 7(d1), a General Council member may request the Zionist Supreme  
31 Court to suspend the rights of such Zionist Federation in the World  
32 Zionist Organization, to expel it from the World Zionist Organization  
33 or to impose upon it other appropriate sanctions.

34 5. In Article 22, section 1, after the words "(Article 3)", the following words shall  
35 be added:

36 ", which is not a Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter."

37 6. After Article 42, the following words shall be added:

1 Article 42a, reservations concerning the appointment to a Zionist  
2 position

3 (a) A Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter may not serve in any  
4 position in the institutions of the World Zionist Organization set out  
5 in this Constitution or that operate by virtue of them. If a person  
6 becomes a Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter after having  
7 been elected or appointed to a position, such person shall  
8 discontinue their service in that position immediately;

9 (b) If a person acted by virtue of their position in a Zionist position  
10 after becoming a Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter - such  
11 act shall be null and void. In this matter, "An Act" - including  
12 voting.

13 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to actions as to  
14 which revocation or cancellation were not requested within one  
15 year of their date.

16 (d) (1) Such an act revocation request may be submitted by any  
17 member of the World Zionist Organization with an interest in such  
18 a request, to the secretary of the body, the action of which such  
19 person applies to revoke, or to the supervisor of the relevant  
20 holder of a Zionist position;

21 (2) A decision in such an application shall be provided  
22 within 7 days; if a decision is not given within that  
23 period, the request shall be deemed granted.

24 (3) Any interested party may appeal such a decision to  
25 the Zionist Supreme Court.

26 7. In Article 49, section 1, after subsection (g), the following words shall be  
27 added:

28 (h) in matters concerning the determination whether a person or  
29 body is a Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter.

### 30 8. Applicability

31 The provisions of this amendment shall apply upon its due publication. The  
32 provisions of this amendment shall apply to individuals and bodies elected or  
33 appointed to a position before the amendment date as well as to a Boycott  
34 Activist or a Boycott Supporter upon the amendment date.

35 In the Rules of Procedure of the Zionist Supreme Court (hereinafter: the "Rules") -

36 After Rule 48, the following words shall be added:

#### 37 Rule 48a

38 (1) The provisions of this chapter shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to  
39 petitions by a General Council member under section 10 of the

1 Constitution, and the petitions of an interested party under section  
2 42a of the Constitution.

3 (2) The burden of proof customary in civil proceedings in Israeli courts  
4 shall be applied by the Court on the petitioner in hearing such a  
5 petition.

6 At the end of Rule 50, the following words shall be added:

7 A mandatory penalty to be imposed on a Boycott Activist or a Boycott  
8 Supporter

9 (a) If the Court determined that an individual is a Boycott Activist or a  
10 Boycott Supporter, the Court shall impose upon such individual a  
11 sanction of revocation of membership in the Zionist body or institution,  
12 in which such individual is a member, for not less than 10 years, in  
13 addition to any other sanction pursuant to its discretion.

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**7.2 Enhancing Committee Procedures and Ensuring Adequate Debate Time  
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21 **Whereas** inconsistencies in committee operations and procedures were observed  
22 during the recent Congress, with different committees following varied sets of rules;  
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24 **Whereas** this led to a lack of uniformity and potential compromises in the democratic  
25 process, particularly in the fair and comprehensive consideration of resolutions; and

26 **Whereas** no discernible standard for such committee deliberations was uniformly  
27 observed, allowing majority opinions to overshadow minority views and hasten  
28 decisions; and

29 **Whereas** the Zionist Congress, representing world Zionism and Diaspora Jewry, must  
30 uphold principles of transparency, fairness, and democratic integrity in all  
31 deliberations,

32 **The Zionist General Council XXXVII/4 resolves that:**

33 Standardized rules for committee operations shall be developed and provided in  
34 writing to all committee chairs before the Congress begins and that, in the absence of  
35 such rules, Robert's Rules of Order shall be the standard in all committee operations.  
36 These rules shall also be made available to all delegates, ensuring clarity and  
37 transparency in committee proceedings;

1 **Be it further resolved** that while maintaining necessary flexibility for committee chairs,  
 2 these rules should be adhered to consistently across all committees to guarantee fair  
 3 and equal treatment of all resolutions and participants;

4 **Be it further resolved** that every resolution presented in committee shall be allotted  
 5 a minimum of 5 minutes to the sponsor introducing the resolution, followed by no less  
 6 than 20 minutes for debate of at least 10 minutes for those in favor and 10 minutes  
 7 for those against the resolution, ensuring diverse viewpoints are adequately heard and  
 8 considered, and that the Committee Chair and co-Chair shall be responsible for  
 9 ensuring roughly equal time for each side;

10 **Be it further resolved** that in instances where there are no standard operations in  
 11 place and where Robert's Rules of Order are not followed, a petition by at least two  
 12 delegations from the committee shall be sufficient to challenge and potentially  
 13 invalidate the resolution in question;

14 **Be it finally resolved** that these measures are essential for maintaining the integrity  
 15 of the Congress, ensuring that all draft resolution proposals receive their due  
 16 consideration, and that all delegates can engage in a respectful and productive  
 17 environment, fostering unity and constructive dialogue within the Jewish community.

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### **7.3 Voting Methodology for the Zionist Congress**

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24 **Whereas**, at the recent Extraordinary Zionist Congress, the electronic vote clickers  
 25 used for voting were found to be flawed, non-operational, and insecure, leading to  
 26 significant issues in the voting process; and

27 **Whereas** the lack of a system to ensure that only actual delegates had access to vote  
 28 clickers, coupled with the inability to verify that no delegate possessed more than one  
 29 clicker, resulted in considerable disarray; and

30 **Whereas** an emergency petition for a roll call vote led to prolonged debates by the  
 31 Presidium, ultimately preventing the vote from being conducted on the designated  
 32 day;

33 **The Zionist General Council XXXVIII/4 resolves that:**

34 The World Zionist Organization (WZO) shall only employ a voting method that has  
 35 been thoroughly reviewed and agreed upon by not less than 4/5 of the Congress  
 36 Presidium, with the primary objective of ensuring a fair and honest voting process;

37 **Be it further resolved** that any voting method considered must unequivocally  
 38 guarantee the following:

- 1        1. **Delegate exclusivity:** Ensuring that only officially approved delegates,  
 2        excluding guests or alternates, are eligible to vote.  
 3        2. **Vote singularity assurance:** Providing the ability to verify that each delegate is  
 4        limited to casting a single vote.

5        **Be it further resolved** that the use of electronic clicker devices shall not be considered  
 6        a viable voting option, due to their inherent susceptibility to fraudulent activities,  
 7        including but not limited to the unauthorized transfer of clickers among participants.

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### **8.1 Limiting the duration of membership**

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#### General background

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14        Only in a few countries democratic elections are held in the various federations in the  
 15        world (apart from the USA) and in those countries where elections are not held, the  
 16        representatives reach an agreement between the existing movements, a hegemony  
 17        that has been maintained for many years and prevents other Zionist organizations  
 18        from competing for a place in the Zionist Congress, those "elected" representatives  
 19        continue to maintain their position for many years without any connection to their  
 20        Zionist activities.

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21        **Recommendation:** to limit the duration of the term in places where elections are not  
 22        held to a maximum of two Zionist Congresses, to create turnover and allow more  
 23        active parties to take part in Zionist activities. This will contribute to the World Zionist  
 24        Organization becoming a dynamic body which Zionist organizations will compete for  
 25        a place in the Zionist Congress.

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*There is no detail of the proposed amendment*

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### **8.2 Activity budget for small factions**

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*Proposal submitted by Netanel Teitelbaum*

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#### General background

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33        The activity budget in the Zionist Organization is divided according to a certain key that  
 34        discriminates against small organizations and small factions that have few number of  
 35        delegates. Those bodies are not entitled to receive any budget, unless they join a large  
 alliance or faction.

1 **Recommendation** - I want to amend the constitution – so that even small factions with  
2 a few mandates will receive an activity budget in proportion to the number of  
3 mandates they received. We must respect each delegate wherever he is elected and  
4 allow him to exercise his Zionist activity even without joining alliances and/or other  
5 factions.

6 *There is no detail of the proposed amendment*

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