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DRAFT RESOLUTION  
PROPOSALS ON  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT

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**Towards the Zionist  
General Council XXXVIII/4  
February 2024**

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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) Negation of the existence of the World Zionist Organization as a democratic, Jewish entity.

(3) Incitement to racism or discrimination based on origin, nationality, race, gender or sexual orientation

(4) 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 recruitment and service in the Israel Defense Forces  
14            and the security forces and strengthening them as the protective force  
15            of the Jewish people living in Zion, as well as encouraging full National  
16            Service for anyone exempted in law from service in the IDF.

17        Additional comment:

18        The Committee resolved to defer the validity of said Resolution Proposal pending  
19        legal verification, to be completed within a period of 14 days, as to whether the  
20        adoption of said Resolution would create an impediment to an existing World Zionist  
21        Organization member's continued membership. For the purpose of clarity, said  
22        Resolution Proposal shall be brought to discussion in the Voting Plenary.

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**3.1 Preventing support for BDS**

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26        \*Votum Separatum: To leave the words "and its institutions" at the end of the  
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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 Union*

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32        In Article 3 in the definition "Zionist international organization," after the words  
33        "Jerusalem Program," at the end of the paragraph, the following words shall be  
34        added:

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35            and which does not support or is supported by organizations that call  
36            for a boycott of any kind against the State of Israel.

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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 Mizrachi World Union*

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 who is not a member of the Executive (Article 41, Section 1 of the Constitution) be prevented from participating in the meeting, their place will be filled by an acting representative on behalf of the faction or organization, provided that they are 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****Resolution was rejected. Votum Separatum was submitted***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**

**Resolution was rejected. Votum Separatum was submitted**

*Proposal Submitted by Elizabeth Berney, Esq.*

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

**Whereas**, Theodor Herzl, founder of the Zionist Congress, wrote in his inspiring books *The Jewish State* and *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."

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

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

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

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

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### 18 **5.1 Article 3 of the Constitution - Definitions**

19 *Proposal Submitted by*

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

21 *Emily Levy-Shochat on behalf of MERCAZ;*

22 *Kachol Lavan;*

23 *Chaya Cohen on behalf of World Avodah;*

24 *Peleg Reshef on behalf of Yesh Atid;*

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

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

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

28 *Ilan Barkan on behalf of Beitenu Olami*

### 29 **Article 3**

30 *Amended November 2017*

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33 The provisions of this Constitution refer equally to members of both sexes and the  
34 use of the masculine form has been adopted solely for the purpose of convenience,  
35 and is not intended as prejudicial and/or to create any discrimination whatsoever.  
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37 The terms specified hereinafter shall have the meanings set forth beside them, if no  
38 other meaning is indicated by the provision itself or the context.

39 *"Congress"* – means the Zionist Congress;

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

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

1 herein below;

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

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

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

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

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

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26 **5.2 Abrogation of Individual Affiliation**

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

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

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36 *Ilan Barkan on behalf of Beitenu Olami*

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38 ***Article 5***

39 *Amended October 2018*

40 **Membership**

41 **Section 1**

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43 Every Jew who has reached the age of eighteen and is willing to accept the  
44 Jerusalem Program, **as defined in the Constitution**, and pay membership dues  
45 ("the Zionist Shekel") in an amount to be determined as stipulated in the

1 Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution, may be an individual  
 2 member of the World Zionist Organization. Registration of membership shall be  
 3 through affiliation to the Zionist Federation in his place of permanent residence  
 4 and in accordance with the rules of said Federation, or through a local branch of a  
 5 Zionist World Union or through a Zionist Territorial or Inter-Territorial  
 6 Organization ~~or directly to the World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem. An~~  
 7 ~~individual member who registers directly to the World Zionist Organization in~~  
 8 ~~Jerusalem, will automatically be considered a member of the local Zionist~~  
 9 ~~Federation in his place of permanent residence.~~

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

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15 **5.2 Abrogation of Individual Affiliation** (The right to vote)

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26 *Article 5*

27 *Amended October 2018*

29 **Membership**

30 **Section 1**

31 A Paragraph will be added at the end of the section –

32 ...- For the purpose of this section, a Jew means a person eligible to make  
 33 Aliyah to Israel in accordance with the Law of Return, and who is not a  
 34 member of another religion (as stated in the Law of Return 5710-1950).  
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40 **5.3 The Zionist Federation and the Jerusalem Program**

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 2 *Shoshana Dweck and Harry Levy on behalf of Arzenu;*  
 3 *Emily Levy-Shochat on behalf of MERCAZ;*  
 4 *Kachol Lavan;*  
 5 *Chaya Cohen on behalf of World Avodah;*  
 6 *Peleg Reshef on behalf of Yesh Atid;*  
 7 *Ehud Bandel on behalf of World Union of Meretz;*  
 8 *Jason Herman on behalf of Kol Israel/World Confederation;*  
 9 *Nisan Cialic on behalf of Tnuat Hamerkaz HaLiberalit Hanoar Hatzioni;*  
 10 *Ilan Barkan on behalf of Beitenu Olami*  
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## 12 **Article 7**

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

14 **Zionist Federation**

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

17 (a) Admit as a member every Zionist body and individual who  
 18 accepts **through the signature of its authorized representatives** the  
 19 Constitution of the Federation and the program of the World Zionist  
 20 Organization (“The Jerusalem Program,” **as defined in the Constitution**),  
 21 unless in the opinion of the Federation there exists a weighty reason  
 22 against such admission. A Federation is not entitled to refuse the  
 23 admission of a body affiliated with a Zionist World Union.

24 **(a1)At the point of said signature on sub-paragraph (a), whether it be in**  
 25 **the instance of an individual’s direct affiliation to the Zionist Federation**  
 26 **or that of a Zionist entity affiliating to a Federation, said signatory shall**  
 27 **be presented with the complete version of the Jerusalem Program, as**  
 28 **defined in the Zionist Constitution, and shall be required to sign thereon.**  
 29 **In the instance of a Zionist entity affiliating to the Zionist Federation, it**  
 30 **shall submit this document with the signatures of all its members.**

31 **(a2)Any international body represented in a Zionist Federation shall**  
 32 **include in its documents of incorporation and / or bylaws the statement**  
 33 **that it accepts the Jerusalem Program, as defined in the Constitution, and**  
 34 **celebrates Israel Independence Day. Furthermore, the Jerusalem**  
 35 **Program, as defined in the Constitution, shall be displayed prominently**  
 36 **on the website of said body. This article shall apply both to existing**  
 37 **bodies and to new bodies.**

38 **(b)The number of individual members of any Federation that is a member**  
 39 **of the World Zionist Organization shall be no less than 100.**

1 With respect to the present article, recognized Jewish religious practice  
 2 shall not constitute a violation of the Jerusalem Program.

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4 **5.3 The Zionist Federation and the Jerusalem Program (Size of a new**  
 5 **federation)**

6 *Proposal Submitted by*

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9 *Kachol Lavan;*

10 *Chaya Cohen on behalf of World Avodah;*

11 *Peleg Reshef on behalf of Yesh Atid;*

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

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

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

15 *Ilan Barkan on behalf of Beitenu Olami*

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 17 **Article 7**

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

19 *Zionist Federation*

20 (A3) A Federation shall not be admitted as a member of the World Zionist  
 21 Organization if the number of Jews in the country it represents is less than 1,500. The  
 22 provision in this sub-section does not impair the status of Federations admitted to the  
 23 World Zionist Organization prior to the amendment of this article.

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

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31 *Kachol Lavan;*

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**Article 10***Amended November 2017, October 2018*

Addition:

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

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

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**5.5 Representation of Israeli Political Parties in the Congress***Proposal Submitted by**Shoshana Dweck and Harry Levy on behalf of Arzenu;**Emily Levy-Shochat on behalf of Mercaz;**Kachol Lavan;**Chaya Cohen on behalf of World Avoda;**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;**Ilan Barkan on behalf of Beitenu Olami***Article 21***Amended June 2012***Section 1**

1 *Congress Representation of Israel*

2 No elections to Congress shall be held in the State of Israel. The Committee for  
3 Determining the Representation shall appoint the delegates in accordance with the  
4 relative strength of the Zionist parties in the last Knesset elected prior to the opening  
5 of the Congress. A party in the Knesset which adheres to or advocates discrimination  
6 based on origin, nationality, race, gender or sexual orientation, **or a party whose**  
7 **chairperson in the Knesset has not signed the Jerusalem Program, as defined in the**  
8 **Constitution**, shall not be represented at Congress.

9 **In respect of the present article, recognized Jewish religious practice shall**  
10 **not constitute a violation of the Jerusalem Program.**

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13 **5.6 Article 41A of the Zionist Constitution: Replacement of a representative**  
14 **in the Zionist Executive by the appointing body**

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***Article 41 A***

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*Amended November 2017*

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28 ~~Notwithstanding any provisions of this Constitution to the contrary, or any~~  
29 ~~inference which may be drawn from such provision,~~ In any instance in which  
30 ~~(a)~~ an individual has been put forward by a World Union, Faction or  
31 International Organization, for election to the Outer Executive, the Inner  
32 Executive, the Zionist General Council or its Presidium or any of its  
33 committees, the Jewish Agency for Israel Board of Governors or its Executive,  
34 or to the Directorate of Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, or to any other elected  
35 position within the National Institutions, ~~and (b) and~~ such individual has  
36 entered into a written agreement that he or she will resign from that position  
37 when officially requested to do so by ~~vote of~~ the Executive of that World  
38 Union, Faction or International Organization, such agreement and resignation  
39 shall be recognized by the World Zionist Organization. **Alternatively, in any**  
40 **instance in which the said person has not signed an agreement as stated, but**  
41 **the executive of that World Union or the executive of that Faction or the**  
42 **executive of that International Organization wishes to terminate their office,**

1 with the exception of Keren Kayemet Lelsrael, then through its  
 2 representative, and after stating in writing the grounds for its request, it must  
 3 submit a request to the World Zionist Organization to terminate the office of  
 4 that person in the position to which he was appointed, and in any such  
 5 instance, the position shall be filled in accordance with the applicable  
 6 provisions for filling vacancies in the affected position(s), after the request of  
 7 that World Union, Faction or International Organization has been adopted by  
 8 a majority vote or referendum among the members of the Zionist General  
 9 Council. Notwithstanding what is stated in this Constitution and its  
 10 Regulations, the request of a World Union, Faction or International  
 11 Organization to hold a vote/referendum as stated shall be executed within 14  
 12 days from the date of receipt of said request.

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 14 This amendment shall enter into force from the Zionist Congress XXXIX.

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17 **5.8 Abolishing Individual Affiliation in the Regulations**

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

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27 *Ilan Barkan on behalf of Beitenu Olami*

28 **Regulation 1A**

29 (Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution)

30 *Amended October 2018*

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

- 35 (a) A Zionist Federation shall stipulate and publicize regulations for the affiliation  
 36 and registration of individuals, in accordance with the provisions of this  
 37 Constitution and the present Regulation.
- 38 (b) A Zionist Federation shall prepare a membership registration form, which shall  
 39 be published on the Federation's official website.
- 40 (c) It is compulsory that the enrolment form include an agreement signed by the  
 41 applicant to become a member of the World Zionist Organization and the

1 “Jerusalem Program”. Similarly, the form shall include information essential to  
2 the identification of the applicant: given name, surname, date of birth, personal  
3 identity document in accordance with what is acceptable in that country, country  
4 of permanent residence and, insofar as online registration is concerned, details of  
5 personal banking identification.

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

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

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

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

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

26 ~~(i) In the instance of a person registering via the World Zionist Organization website,~~  
27 ~~said application shall be forwarded to the Zionist Federation in his place of~~  
28 ~~permanent residence within a period of 30 days from the day of enrolment. If~~  
29 ~~there is no objection by said Zionist Federation, those registering via the World~~  
30 ~~Zionist Organization website automatically become members of said Federation,~~  
31 ~~subject to the regulations stipulated in the Byelaws of said Zionist Federation~~  
32 ~~(reasonable period of qualification, etc.). Said Federation shall decide upon the~~  
33 ~~matter of such membership within 60 days of receipt of the request as forwarded.~~  
34 ~~Any applicant penalized by a Zionist Federation’s decision to reject his~~  
35 ~~application for membership in said Federation is entitled to appeal in that respect.~~  
36 ~~Said appeal shall be deliberated at a specially constituted Committee established~~  
37 ~~by the Executive, comprised relative to the strength of the groupings at the Zionist~~  
38 ~~General Council. Said appellant is entitled to appear in person before the~~  
39 ~~Committee or appoint a representative. The World Zionist Organization Attorney~~  
40 ~~shall be invited to attend the Committee’s discussion. The Committee’s decision~~  
41 ~~may be appealed to the Zionist Supreme Court.~~

- 1 (j) Every Zionist Federation is entitled to determine the amount of its membership  
 2 dues (Zionist Shekel) for the inter-Congress period (a five year period) and shall  
 3 publicize that information on its website. It is obligatory that the Zionist  
 4 Federation shall determine the amount of its membership dues in the first instance  
 5 within three months from the adoption of these Regulations by the Zionist  
 6 General Council.
- 7 (k) The Executive shall set a uniform level of enrolment fee on a one-time basis to  
 8 apply to those Zionist Federations that did not determine the amount of their  
 9 membership dues under the above provision.
- 10 ~~(l) The membership dues of a person who enrolled via the World Zionist  
 11 Organization website shall be transferred to the Zionist Federation in his place of  
 12 permanent residence.~~
- 13 (m) An individual wishing to affiliate is entitled to enroll at branches of the World  
 14 Zionist Unions and Inter-territorial Jewish Organizations in any Zionist  
 15 Federation, by means of signature upon the application form prepared by said  
 16 Zionist Federation. Mutatis mutandis, payment of membership dues (the Zionist  
 17 Shekel) shall be individual, as per the provision in sub-Section (d) above.

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19 **5.9 Electronic Ballot for Elections to Federations**

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22 *Emily Levy-Shochat on behalf of MERCAZ;*

23 *Kachol Lavan;*

24 *Chaya Cohen on behalf of World Avodah;*

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29 *Ilan Barkan on behalf of Beitenu Olami*

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32 **Regulation 13**

33 **Election Method**

- 34 (c) The AEC may decide on indirect elections (Electoral College) or introduce voting  
 35 by mail **or introduce voting by electronic ballot** as an exclusive form of balloting,  
 36 or in addition to voting in polling stations. If the AEC has taken such decision it  
 37 shall enact Rules for indirect elections or voting by mail **or electronic voting**, as  
 38 the case may be, within **six months** from the adoption of such decision and submit  
 39 those rules to the Central Election Board for approval. **The AEC shall be required**  
 40 **to hold electronic voting if at least one third of the lists of candidates (as defined**  
 41 **in Regulation 2, including a list with observer status, where such exists) so**

1 demand. The AEC shall receive assistance as required from the WZO in order to  
 2 implement and successfully hold the said electronic voting.

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

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18 **Regulation 5**

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19 **The Right to Vote**

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

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

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

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

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32 This Sub-section was abolished by a decision of the Zionist Executive in October  
 33 2018, subject to a temporary provision concerning the 38th Congress only.

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34 (C) A person eligible to vote for the Israeli Knesset who reside permanently  
 35 outside Israel and who did not exercise their right to vote in the most recent  
 36 Knesset elections held prior to the Congress elections, shall be eligible to vote  
 37 for Congress on the following cumulative conditions: A Declaration of  
 38 permanent residency in the relevant country and the signing of declaration that  
 39 they did not vote in the most recent Knesset elections, and that they are aware

1 that a false declaration for this purpose may be a criminal offense and  
2 tantamount to obtaining a thing by deceit.

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5 **5.11 Regulation 14 of the Zionist Congress Resolutions (1982): Bringing a**  
6 **Motion to a Plenary Meeting even if it Was Not Discussed in Committee**

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18 **Regulation 14: Committee Stage Obligatory**

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

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27 **5.12 Enhancing the Voting Process and Increasing Transparency**

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1 **Regulation 17 of the standing orders of the Zionist congress:**

2 Mode of Voting

- 3 (e) ~~Voting shall be by show of hands; by order of the Chairman or at the request~~  
 4 ~~of a delegate of the Congress, delegate cards shall be shown.~~ At the Plenary,  
 5 voting shall be by means of a dedicated website / dedicated application to be  
 6 prepared ahead of Congress through which the delegates shall vote using a  
 7 personal code received by each person eligible to vote.
- 8 (f) Voting shall be ~~by roll call, or by~~ secret ~~written~~ ballot, if so requested by 60  
 9 delegates or by the Presidium or by the Executive.

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12 **6.1 Love of Israel**

13 *Proposal submitted by Hernan Felman*  
 14 *On behalf of World Likud*

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

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

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24 **6.2 The Day of Rest**

25 **Resolution was rejected. *Votum Separatum* was submitted.**

26 *Proposal submitted by Hernan Felman*  
 27 *On behalf of World Likud*

28 In Article 2, paragraph 2 – "the Zionist program, the Jerusalem Program", paragraph  
 29 7 will be added to the foundations of Zionism, as follows:

- 30 7. Cultivating and strengthening the values of Shabbat for the Jewish  
 31 people and the State of Israel, according to Jewish heritage and in  
 32 the public sphere.

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**6.3 Shabbat – The Day of Rest (Elections on Shabbat)**

**Resolution was rejected. *Votum Separatum* was submitted.**

*Proposal submitted by Hernan Felman*

*On behalf of World Likud*

In the Election Regulations, a new section shall be added:

No elections shall take place for an institution of the Zionist Congress and/or the World Zionist Organization on Shabbat, this being the Jewish people's day of rest.

## 23

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

*Proposal submitted by Rabbi Pesach Lerner, Zvi Gluck, Shoshana Halpern  
On behalf of Eretz Hakodesh*

**Resolution was not accepted. *Votum Separatum* was admitted.**

**The Proposed Amendment**

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

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

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

"A Boycott Activist" –

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

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

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

- 1           “A Boycott Supporter” - an individual or a body of persons acting in one or  
2 more of the following ways:
- 3           1. Providing a donation or support, monetary or equivalent, directly or  
4           indirectly, to a Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter;
  - 5           2. A member or participant in any institution of a body of persons that is a  
6           Boycott Activist;
  - 7           3. Assisting a Boycott Activist in any way;
  - 8           4. Publishing or expressing support of a Boycott Activist in any way, or  
9           publishing or expressing identification, alignment or sympathy with a  
10          Boycott Activist.
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- 13          2.       In Article 5 of section 1 before the words “details regarding the manner of  
14 joining” the following words shall be added:
- 15                A Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter may not become a member of the  
16                World Zionist Organization. If a person becomes a Boycott Supporter or  
17                Boycott Activist after they have become a member of the World Zionist  
18                Organization - such membership shall expire forthwith.
- 19          3.       In Article 7, after subsection (d), the following words shall be added:
- 20                (d1) To prevent the membership of a Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter and to  
21                remove any Boycott Activist or Boycott Supporter from among its ranks  
22                immediately. Every Zionist Federation shall include such provisions in its bylaws  
23                and such provisions shall be deemed incorporated in their bylaws, even if they  
24                were not included in them before.
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- 26          4.       In Article 22, section 1, after the words "(Article 3)", the following words shall  
27 be added:
- 28                “, which is not a Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter.”
- 29          5.       After Article 42, the following words shall be added:
- 30                Article 42a, reservations concerning the appointment to a Zionist position
- 31          a.       A Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter may not serve in any position in the  
32                institutions of the World Zionist Organization set out in this Constitution or that  
33                operate by virtue of them. If a person becomes a Boycott Activist or a Boycott  
34                Supporter after having been elected or appointed to a position, such person shall  
35                discontinue their service in that position immediately;
  - 36                b.       If a person acted by virtue of their position in a Zionist  
37                position after becoming a Boycott Activist or a Boycott Supporter -  
38                such act shall be null and void. In this matter, “An Act” - including  
39                voting.
  - 40          c.       The provisions of this section shall not apply to actions as to which  
41                revocation or cancellation were not requested within one year of their date.

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

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

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

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

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

14 8. Applicability

15 The provisions of this amendment shall apply upon its due publication. The  
 16 provisions of this amendment shall apply to individuals and bodies elected or  
 17 appointed to a position before the amendment date as well as to a Boycott  
 18 Activist or a Boycott Supporter upon the amendment date.

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

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

21 Rule 48a

22 1. The provisions of this chapter shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to petitions  
 23 by a General Council member under section 10 of the Constitution, and  
 24 the petitions of an interested party under section 42a of the  
 25 Constitution.

26 2. The burden of proof customary in civil proceedings in Israeli courts shall  
 27 be applied by the Court on the petitioner in hearing such a petition.

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

29 A mandatory penalty to be imposed on a Boycott Activist or a Boycott  
 30 Supporter

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

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**7.2 Enhancing Committee Procedures and Ensuring Adequate Debate Time at the Zionist Congress**

*Proposal submitted Rabbi Pesach Lerner, Yehuda Segal, Zvi Gluck, Shoshana Dressler On behalf of Eretz Hakodesh*

**Resolution was not accepted. Votum Separatum was admitted.**

**Whereas** inconsistencies in committee operations and procedures were observed during the recent Congress, with different committees following varied sets of rules; and

**Whereas** this led to a lack of uniformity and potential compromises in the democratic process, particularly in the fair and comprehensive consideration of resolutions; and

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

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

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

Regulation 24, in the standing orders of the Zionist General Counsel the following will be added:

A. Standardized rules for committee operations shall be developed and provided in writing to all committee chairs before the Congress begins and that these rules shall also be made available to all delegates, ensuring clarity and transparency in committee proceedings;

B. That while maintaining necessary flexibility for committee chairs, these rules should be adhered to consistently across all committees to guarantee fair and equal treatment of all resolutions and participants;

C. That every resolution presented in committee shall be allotted a minimum of 5 minutes to the sponsor introducing the resolution, followed by no less than 20 minutes for debate of at least 10 minutes for those in favor and 10 minutes for those against the resolution, ensuring diverse viewpoints are adequately heard and considered, and that the Committee Chair shall be responsible for ensuring roughly equal time for each side;

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

*Proposal submitted Rabbi Pesach Lerner, Yehuda Segal, Zvi Gluck  
On behalf of Eretz Hakodesh*

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

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

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

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

At the end of regulation 17, in the standing orders of the Zionist Congress, the following will be added:

The World Zionist Organization shall only employ a voting tool that has been thoroughly reviewed and agreed upon by not less than 60% of the Zionist General Council, with the primary objective of ensuring a fair and honest voting process;

The use of electronic clicker devices shall not be considered a viable voting option.