RESOLUTIONS OF THE ZIONIST CONGRESS XXXIX

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Resolution No. 1: Halting the Establishment of E1 Settlement

Whereas the Jerusalem Program calls for the strengthening Israel as a Jewish, Zionist and democratic state; and

Whereas Israel's Declaration of Independence asserts that the State of Israel "will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel"; and

Whereas the just path for maintaining Israel as a Jewish, democratic state includes the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel; and

Whereas according to the aChord Center research, 57% of Israelis support the establishment of a Palestinian State in the context of a regional political-security arrangement with U.S. support; and

Whereas Minister Betzalel Smotrich's plan to establish a new settlement in the E1 area of the West Bank would make it impossible to create a contiguous Palestinian state in the West Bank,

The Zionist Congress XXXIX therefore resolves:

1. To call upon the Israel Government to halt the establishment of a new settlement in the E1 area of the West Bank, following guidance from all U.S. governments, dating back to both Presidents Clinton and Bush.
2. The Executive of the World Zionist Organization shall publish this Resolution through all its distribution lists via both social and traditional media.
3. The relevant departments of the World Zionist Organization will develop public diplomacy materials explaining the linkage between the pursuit of Israeli-Palestinian peace and the World Zionist Organization's foundational documents – the Jerusalem Program and Israel's Declaration of Independence.

Resolution No. 2: Promotion of Modern Hebrew Studies in Diaspora Jewish Communities

The revitalization of the Hebrew language was a central component of the Zionist revolution that led to the purposeful emergence of a Hebrew-speaking society in *Eretz Yisrael* (the Land of Israel) as a necessary antecedent to the successful founding of the State of Israel and the subsequent building of the State once it was declared. As the state, society and culture of Israel have developed, the modern Hebrew language has developed and evolved to reflect that modern reality at the same time that it encapsulates the ancient origins of the Jewish people. Hebrew is the indigenous language of the *Eretz Yisrael* and is the medium of the Jewish people's time-old cultural and spiritual contribution to humanity, the Hebrew Bible. Modern Hebrew reflects and expresses the vitality and humanity of contemporary Israel in its rhythms, tonalities, logic and fabric like no other cultural creation. It is the living, breathing voice of the soul and spirit of Israel and the Jewish people. The successful revitalization of the Hebrew language and its full implementation in the life of modern Israel was a crowning accomplishment of the Zionist movement.

Hebrew should be the language of the Jewish people worldwide. It should function to bring the Jewish people together and to be a lived vehicle by which Jews throughout the world interact and mutually contribute to the ongoing cultural creation of Israel. And yet, knowledge of Modern Israeli Hebrew, fluency in its spoken form and the ability to interact and communicate in Modern Hebrew are woefully lacking among Diaspora Jewry. In the Diaspora's largest community, American Jewry, less than 2% of American Jews have any meaningful facility in the Hebrew language. The vast majority of American Jews cannot understand, speak, or read for comprehension in the Hebrew language. Consequently, the vast majority of American Jews do not experience Israeli life and culture in its authentic Hebrew expression and are at great risk of therefore being meaningfully distanced from that culture and life.

The fact that the largest Diaspora Jewish community, numbering seven and a half million people, cannot interact with Israel and Israelis or with the world at large in Hebrew is a great impediment to Jewish unity and connection and is a harbinger of a complete future disconnection between American Jewry and Israel.

Considering this, the Zionist Congress should make a significant decision to charge all of the National Institutions of the Zionist movement with the task of embarking on a new endeavor to revitalize the Hebrew language once again and further the Zionist revolution in our time by making the teaching of Modern Hebrew in the Diaspora a vital and basic value of the 2048 generation. The teaching of Hebrew in world Jewish communities should be renewed as a central responsibility of Zionists everywhere and should be supported by the institutions of the Zionist movement using best educational practices for the teaching of second languages, in partnership with experts in the teaching of Hebrew language, wherever they may be.

Whereas, Article 2, Section 2 of the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization establishes a foundation of Zionist as: "ensuring the future and the distinctiveness of the

Jewish people by furthering Jewish, Hebrew, and Zionist education, fostering spiritual and cultural values and teaching Hebrew as the national language"; and

Whereas Diaspora Jewry, especially its largest community, American Jewry, exhibits a very low level of knowledge and facility in the Hebrew language; and

Whereas lack of Hebrew fluency and facility among Diaspora Jewry contributes to dangerous levels of disconnection to Israeli life and culture among Diaspora Jews; and

Whereas various world governments and quasi-governmental bodies successfully advocate for and support the teaching of their national languages in schools throughout the world and in public schools in the United States, such as the Qatar Foundation's successful promotion of the Arabic language in public school districts in the United States and the Alliance Française's successful advocacy for the French language worldwide; and

Whereas, the vast majority of American Jewish school-age children attend public schools; and

Whereas the successful implementation of programs to teach Modern Hebrew as a global language in school districts in communities with large Jewish populations has the potential to create a new sense of excitement among Diaspora Jewish for becoming fluent in Hebrew and therefore connected to Israeli life and culture in an authentic and immediate way,

The Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves as follows:

Hebrew education and the teaching of Modern Hebrew towards fluency and comprehension among world Jewry, and especially in the largest Diaspora community and especially to younger Jews, is a basic value of 21st century Zionism. The World Zionist Organization and its institutions must take action to bring about a new spirit of Zionist revolution around the teaching of Hebrew to Diaspora Jewry and especially the younger generation

For this purpose, the relevant department of the World Zionist Organization shall present a detailed work plan, including a timetable.

Resolution No. 3: Expansion of Hebrew Language Study

Whereas Hebrew has served as the enduring language of the Jewish people for over three thousand years, carrying the collective memory, wisdom, and spiritual vitality of generations across continents and centuries; and

Whereas Hebrew is not merely a language but a central pillar of Zionism—revived as the living language of the sovereign Jewish people, it affirms the connection to our ancestral land, strengthens national consciousness and unites Jews from diverse backgrounds and countries, facilitating cultural and social cohesion; and

Whereas the World Zionist Organization aims, as part of the foundations of Zionism, to ensure the future and the distinctiveness of the Jewish people by furthering Jewish, Hebrew and Zionist education, fostering spiritual and cultural values and teaching Hebrew as our national language; and

Whereas promoting Hebrew learning enhances the connection to Jewish texts, heritage and contemporary Israeli society, thereby reinforcing global Jewish unity and shared purpose and facilitates the making of Aliyah; and

Whereas Hebrew connects Jews worldwide—religious and secular, Sephardi and Ashkenazi, old and young—as a common thread in Jewish education, liturgy, literature and modern discourse, thus reinforcing the bonds of kinship and mutual understanding; and

Whereas modern technology and digital platforms have made the possibility to learn Hebrew increasingly accessible, allowing for the opportunity of Jews of all ages, in all geographic regions and at levels of observance, to engage with and learn Hebrew in meaningful ways; and

Whereas a renewed commitment to Hebrew education ensures the transmission of Jewish and Zionist values, traditions, and culture to future generations, and strengthens the global Jewish people's capacity for collective resilience and continuity; and

Whereas reaffirming Hebrew as a unifying force enriches Jewish continuity, strengthens global Jewish identity, and ensures that every Jew has the opportunity to connect with the heart and soul of the Jewish people; and

Whereas Hebrew is a fundamental component of Jewish and Zionist identity, interwoven into prayer, sacred texts, cultural expression, and daily life; it embodies the spiritual, historical and communal essence of Judaism, providing every Jew with a linguistic connection to the story, soul and shared destiny of the Jewish people,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves that:

1. The World Zionist Organization reaffirms the central role of Hebrew as a pillar of Jewish identity, unity and continuity, and recognizes its unique power to connect Jews worldwide to their heritage, faith, and the Zionist movement.
2. In furtherance of this commitment, the World Zionist Organization will develop and sustain a robust, comprehensive, online platform dedicated to Hebrew education that is accessible to all Jews, regardless of geography, age, background, or level of fluency.
3. The educational initiative will offer engaging, pedagogically sound resources at no cost to users, including interactive courses, multimedia materials and guided learning pathways designed for children, teens, adults and seniors, across beginner, intermediate and advanced proficiency levels.
4. The World Zionist Organization will collaborate with educators, language experts, and cultural institutions to ensure that the content reflects both classical and modern dimensions of Hebrew, integrating Torah study, Israeli culture, contemporary usage and linguistic development.
5. Special emphasis will be placed on inclusivity and accessibility, with materials being made available in multiple languages and adapted for visual, auditory and mobile access, to remove barriers to Hebrew education worldwide.
6. Through this initiative, the World Zionist Organization seeks to empower every Jew, regardless of personal circumstance, to learn, speak and read Hebrew, thereby strengthening Jewish peoplehood, enriching cultural resilience and advancing the enduring vision of Zionism.

Resolution No. 4: Embracing the Diversity of Zionist Expression in the Diaspora and Israel, Banning Hate Speech within Communities

Whereas the Congress is addressing Zionism 2048: The Voice of the Generations, and Israel's Declaration of Independence states that the State of Israel "will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; will ensure complete equality of social and political rights for all its citizens irrespective of religion, race or sex; will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture;" which requires that we cultivate inclusive spaces for diverse Zionist expression, while rejecting hate speech that undermines our unity and democratic foundations; and

Whereas Zionism is a dynamic, evolving movement, as phrased by the founding father of the State: “Zionism is an endless ideal”; and

Whereas, affirming that the global Jewish people in Israel and the Diaspora are not monolithic, and that Jewish communities worldwide reflect a rich spectrum of identities, beliefs, and visions of Jewish peoplehood and connection to Israel; and

Whereas, acknowledging that fostering inclusion, dialogue, and mutual respect among Jews with differing perspectives strengthens our collective resilience and commitment to the Zionist project; and

Whereas, guided by the principles of democratic engagement and pluralism that underpin the Zionist Congress;

The Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves:

1. To empower and support community activism in the Diaspora, promoting visits from Israeli politicians and activists, and supporting Israeli social movements and initiatives to spread their work in the Diaspora.
2. Based on the principle of *Kol Yisrael Areivim Zeh Bazeh* (All of Israel Are Responsible for One Another) and the universal right to free speech, the Zionist Congress XXXIX rejects and bans any attempts to delegitimize or silence Diaspora Jews, as long as their remarks are based in a commitment to the future of the Jewish people and the existence of Israel as a democratic, Jewish state.
3. The World Zionist Organization and the National Institutions will not permit hate speech or any form of slander against legitimate expressions of criticism based on the principle stated above.
4. The World Zionist Organization commits to uphold initiatives that encourage understanding and dialogue among Jews and non-Jews living in the State of Israel, in order to safeguard freedom of speech, free media, and academic freedom in Israel and the Diaspora.

Resolution No. 5: Opening access to the Egalitarian Kotel

Whereas access to the southern part of the *Kotel* (Western Wall), known as the "Egalitarian *Kotel*," (hereinafter: “the Site”) has been blocked to the public for seven years, since a stone fell from the Wall in 2018; and

Whereas said stone has long since been returned to its place - and yet access to the Western Wall stones themselves has not yet been approved; and

Whereas this area is an integral part of the *Kotel*, a sacred and central site for the Jewish people as a whole; and

Whereas hundreds of thousands of visitors who visit the site each year are prevented from touching the sacred stones in this area; and

Whereas among those seeking access are families from Israel and around the world who wish to conduct egalitarian, pluralistic ceremonies as part of their connection to the *Kotel* and Jewish tradition; and

Whereas there is no safety reason for preventing access, and the only reason for not opening the site is the failure of the Israeli government to compel the Jerusalem Municipality to advance the matter,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves:

1. To call upon the Israel Government and the Jerusalem Municipality to act immediately to open public access to the site.
2. To recognize the right of all streams of Judaism and the general public to conduct ceremonies and visit all parts of the site.
3. To promote, in coordination with all relevant parties, a plan of action for the restoration and full accessibility of the site, including signage, maintenance, and security.
4. To work in Israeli and international arenas to ensure that activities at the *Kotel* reflect all shades of the Jewish people and the values of equality, pluralism, and connection to tradition.

Resolution No. 6: Support for an Equitable Draft System in the State of Israel

Whereas service in the IDF is a cornerstone of Israeli society and symbolizes the mutual commitment of the country's citizens to one another; and

Whereas, in a democratic country, the principle of equality before the law is a fundamental value, and the situation in which entire sectors are exempt from service seriously undermines this principle; and

Whereas the current situation creates a sense of injustice and unfairness among young men and women who bear the burden of military or national service; and

Whereas the unity of Israeli society and the sense of national solidarity require equal and fair recruitment of all segments of the public; and

Whereas the IDF needs all segments of the population for optimal national security, both in terms of quantity and quality of human resources; and

Whereas equal recruitment will reduce the burden on serving populations and enable a fair distribution of the security burden; and

Whereas extensive exemptions from recruitment are detrimental to the Israeli economy and labor productivity and impede the integration of many into the labor market and civilian life; and

Whereas military or civilian service constitute a gateway to integration into society, the acquisition of skills for adult life, and the strengthening of a sense of responsibility and contribution; and

Whereas the Israel Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that the current legal situation is discriminatory and unconstitutional, a commitment to equality in enlistment is the implementation of a governmental and legal obligation; and

Whereas maintaining social cohesion, social justice, and public trust in state institutions requires a uniform, fair, and enforceable framework.

Whereas the conflict since October 7 has demonstrated how much the IDF needs to expand the circle of those who serve; and

Whereas the “Jerusalem Program” anchors the Zionist movement's commitment to service in the IDF,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves:

1. To express its firm, moral, and ethical support for legislation or a framework that will establish equal conscription into the IDF or civil/national service for all citizens of Israel.
2. To call upon the Government of Israel to act to promote immediate and practical legislation that will end discrimination in the obligation to serve.

3. To emphasize that sharing the burden equally is a vital, democratic and Zionist principle that preserves the unity of the people and strengthens the moral status of service in the IDF.
4. To act in public, educational, and informational spheres to support the demand for equality in recruitment, and not to support financially or initiate joint projects with any entity that opposes recruitment to the IDF.

Resolution No. 7: Call for the Establishment of a State Commission of Inquiry to Investigate the Events of October 7

Whereas Simchat Torah 5784 – October 7, 2023, is engraved in national memory as a day of grave and unprecedented disaster in the history of the State of Israel; and

Whereas the events included a large-scale infiltration of terrorists into Israeli territory, the en masse killing of civilians, attacks on communities and settlements, the kidnapping of civilians and soldiers and the collapse of many security systems; and

Whereas this was a multi-system failure involving serious failures at the intelligence, operational, political and civilian levels, which require a thorough, independent and uncompromising investigation; and

Whereas a State Commission of Inquiry in accordance with the law, and headed by a Supreme Court judge, is the supreme instrument in the State of Israel for investigating government failures and personal and public responsibility; and

Whereas there is an immediate need to uncover the truth in order to restore public confidence in the state and security systems and to provide answers to the families of those who were killed, kidnapped, or evacuated; and

Whereas internal military or government investigations, however serious, do not have the authority, independence, or objectivity required to fully examine the events; and

Whereas a State Commission of Inquiry will enable the identification of the root causes of the failures, the determination of personal and systemic responsibility, and the formulation of operational recommendations for reforming systems, in order to prevent such a disaster from recurring in the future; and

Whereas, without a thorough investigation, Israeli society may remain divided, suspicious, or indifferent, and the systems that failed may continue to operate without correction; and

Whereas in the past, the State of Israel has established State Commissions of Inquiry, even in response to less serious failures, and the absence of an investigation into such an exceptional event may set a dangerous precedent of lack of accountability; and

Whereas it is our moral and national duty to future generations to ascertain the truth and take responsibility,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves:

1. To call upon the Government of Israel to establish an independent State Commission of Inquiry, headed by a Supreme Court judge, to investigate all events and failures leading up to and during October 7.

2. To determine that the Commission's role will be to examine the failures of the intelligence, operational, political and civilian echelons, and to submit operative and personal recommendations.
3. Emphasize that the establishment of such a Commission is essential for restoring public trust, strengthening democracy and uniting the people.

Resolution No. 8: Transparency in Equal Opportunity Budgeting for the National Institutions

Whereas the Zionist Congress XXXIX, convening under the theme *'Zionism 2048: Voices of the Generations'*, recognizes that the future of Zionism depends on ensuring that the values and needs of today's diverse Jewish voices—including women, LGBTQ+ individuals, young people, all streams of Judaism, and other historically underrepresented groups—are reflected not only in vision and rhetoric but also in the transparent, equitable, and accountable allocation of resources; and

Whereas the Zionist Congress has already adopted Resolutions on advancing gender equality and women's representation (Constitution of the WZO – Section 23(b), stipulating that at least 40% of each slate must be women); and

Whereas the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization requires the inclusion of representatives of the "younger generation" in electoral slates and within the National Institutions (Section 23(a)); and

Whereas the Extraordinary Congress (2023) adopted Resolution No. 9 on promoting the inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community in Israel and the Diaspora; and

Whereas the Extraordinary Congress (2023) adopted Resolution No. 10 on recognizing conversions performed by all Jewish streams and ensuring religious pluralism in the National Institutions; and

Whereas the Extraordinary Congress (2023) adopted Resolution No. 1, affirming the Declaration of Independence as a guiding document ensuring equality and rejecting discrimination based on gender or sexual orientation; and

Whereas these principles must be implemented in practice and not remain only declarative,

Now therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX hereby resolves:

1. To adopt an Equal Opportunity budgeting approach across all the National Institutions (the World Zionist Organization, KKL-JNF, The Jewish Agency, Keren Hayesod), as a methodology for analyzing the existing budget and not as a separate budget.
2. To determine that for every resource allocation decision, a short impact assessment (one page) shall be conducted, examining the decision's effect on:
   - Gender equality and inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community,
   - Representation and participation of youth,
   - Equitable distribution among Jewish streams.
3. To publish detailed annual budgets and financial reports at the level of each budget line, including expenditures, allocations, contracts and project descriptions, with details of geographical divisions and content. These reports

shall include all forms of activity, irrespective of their affiliation to a department or section, and shall be in compliance with legal requirements in terms of protection of data and privacy.

4. To publish digitally all reports and auditing findings to schedule, in a searchable format, on the official World Zionist Organization website. The public and the interested parties shall be invited to present observations and feedback, which shall be examined and appended to the annual summary presented to the Congress.
5. To appoint an independent body to monitor and review the annual implementation and to submit recommendations for improvement.
6. To determine that this approach will serve as a central tool for budget management within the National Institutions and as a basis for political accountability, in line with the values and resolutions previously adopted by the Zionist Congress.

Resolution No. 9: Security for Liberal Jewish Communities in Israel

Whereas today in Israel, and in the pluralist Israel envisioned in the Declaration of Independence that we are dedicated, as Zionists, to securing, now and into the future, Liberal Jewish congregations of different denominations – Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and others (the "Movements") – and the people who practice such Judaism are and will continue to be an integral part of the Jewish people, committed to the values of pluralism, inclusivity, Zionism and Jewish continuity; and

Whereas synagogues, institutions and individuals representing these Movements in Israel have increasingly been targeted by acts of violence, vandalism, and incitement; and

Whereas, in September 2024, Haredi extremists cut through chains on a gate of Kehillat Ya'ar Ramot, a Conservative congregation in Jerusalem's Ramot neighborhood, trespassed and conducted prayers in the yard of the synagogue and attempted to disrupt its religious life, as part of a broader campaign of harassment against that congregation; and

Whereas, on Yom HaShoah 2025, the Reform synagogue in Raanana was desecrated with hateful graffiti and defacement of sacred symbols; and

Whereas, a few days after the events in Raanana, on the eve of Yom Hazikaron in April 2025, a violent mob attacked participants and attendees during a ceremony taking place at Beit Samueli, the Reform synagogue in Ra'anana, following deliberate incitement, leaving families, children, and *bar/bat mitzvah* students in fear for their safety within the synagogue; and

Whereas such attacks are not isolated, but part of a wider trend of escalating extremism and prejudice within Israeli society, fueling incitement against non-Orthodox Jews, their synagogues, and their institutions; and

Whereas communities must remain safe havens for prayer, community, and the imbuement of Jewish values, not places of fear, for us, for our children, and for all of the generations to come. Representatives of all the streams of Judaism, at the Zionist Congress, condemn all forms of violence against all streams of Judaism active in the State of Israel and worldwide; and

Whereas hundreds of families, including children in preschools and bar/bat mitzvah programs, regularly attend services and activities at Reform and Conservative synagogues in Israel, and must be assured of their safety; and

Whereas the actions of the Israel Police have been slow and inadequate when asked to protect Reform and Conservative communities in Israel, neither immediately apprehending perpetrators of criminal acts in and around these communities' facilities while those acts are taking place, nor properly or effectively investigating them,

Now, therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves that:

1. Condemnation of Violence
   The Zionist Congress XXXIX unequivocally condemns all acts of trespass, violence, incitement, and vandalism directed at Liberal Jewish congregations, synagogues and communities of different denominations – Reform, Conservative, Masorti, Reconstructionist and others in Israel and the Diaspora.
2. Guarantee of Security
   The Zionist Congress XXXIX calls upon the Government of Israel, the Israel Police and local municipalities, to ensure adequate police protection and security measures for Liberal synagogues and community centers, particularly in times of heightened incitement or national sensitivity.
3. Responsibility of Law Enforcement
   The Zionist Congress XXXIX demands that the police and the State Attorney's office ensure that those responsible - inciters, organizers, perpetrators and others - for crimes committed against Reform and Conservative communities in Israel, including incitement, trespass, vandalism, disturbing the peace, and acts of violence, be unselectively apprehended, detained, investigated, prosecuted, and held fully accountable under the law.
4. Allocation of Resources
   The Zionist Congress XXXIX calls upon all arms of the National Institutions - the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael – Jewish National Fund and Keren Hayesod - and other Israeli governmental and municipal institutions to support the security needs of Liberal congregations and communities in Israel, including funding for physical protection, education against hate, and resilience-building programs.
5. Education and Prevention
   The Zionist Congress XXXIX urges the promotion of educational initiatives in Israel to combat prejudice, promote pluralism, and affirm the legitimacy of all streams of Judaism, in Israel and around the globe.

Resolution No. 10: Strengthening Civil Society in Israel

Whereas a diverse and dynamic civil society is the cornerstone of a strong and healthy democracy; and

Whereas Israel's non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are indispensable in addressing Israel's most pressing social issues, enhancing the resilience and sustainability of Israel's society; and

Whereas these organizations have made a seminal contribution to the resilience of Israeli society in diverse spheres, ranging from youth at risk, support for the vulnerable, healthcare, education, welfare and infrastructure; and

Whereas, since October 7, 2023, Israeli civil society organizations have played a focal role in addressing the widespread trauma impacting all sectors of Israel's population affected by the war, as well as rebuilding Israel's North and South,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves:

1. The Zionist Congress opposes the politicization of the philanthropic endeavors of Diaspora Jews, particularly at this time, when Israelis are still facing the consequences of Hamas's barbaric October 7 attack.
2. The Zionist Congress calls upon the Israel Knesset not to pass pending legislation that seeks to impose a tax on donations received by Israeli NGOs from foreign governments.
3. The Zionist Congress calls upon the Israeli Government to scrap this cynical, dangerous and undemocratic bill.
4. That the World Zionist Organization will work to protect a strong, stable civil society in Israel.
5, The Executive of the World Zionist Organization shall publish this Resolution through all its distribution lists, via both social and traditional media.

Resolution No. 11: Prevention of Participation by the World Zionist Organization in Financing or Implementation, Directly or Indirectly, of Settlement in the Gaza Strip

Whereas the topic of the Zionist Congress XXXIX is "Zionism 2048: Voice of Generations", it is important that the Zionist movement focus its efforts toward broad, consensus-based development, aligned with the principles of the [Israel] Declaration of Independence, which state, "We extend our hand to all neighboring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighborliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East"; and

Whereas it is essential that we prioritize the rehabilitation of existing communities within the State of Israel, rather than the promotion of settlement activities in Gaza, which may divide Israeli society and Jewish communities in the Diaspora; and

Whereas the overarching aim of the Zionist movement is to advance the building of the country and to strengthen the State of Israel in a legal, democratic and Zionist context, founded on broad, national consensus; and

Whereas national responsibility demands prioritizing the rehabilitation and restoring the resilience of affected communities in Israel's Gaza border region and in the North of the country, as a condition for the stability of Israeli society,

The Zionist Congress XXXIX hereby resolves:

1. To declare that the World Zionist Organization shall not participate, directly or indirectly, in financing, assisting, or carrying out settlement activities in the Gaza Strip.
2. That any entity acting on behalf of or through the World Zionist Organization shall refrain from allocating resources or providing any form of support for activities conflicting with this decision.
3. The Zionist Executive and its auditing bodies as well as the Comptroller of World Zionist Organization and the National Institutions shall conduct an annual review of the implementation of this decision and report to the Zionist General Council.

Resolution No. 12: Creation of a National Mental Health Taskforce to Support Comprehensive Services for Victims of Terrorism and Soldiers Suffering from Trauma

Whereas the atrocities of October 7 were the most horrific attacks on the Jewish people since the establishment of the State of Israel; and

Whereas, for decades, terrorist attacks and war have resulted in thousands of Israeli civilian casualties and the October 7 massacre has significantly escalated the scale of impact, re-exposing prior victims to trauma and creating a large number of new survivors and bereaved families now in urgent need of support services; and

Whereas the events of October 7 and the lengthy war have created a national mental health emergency in Israel, with PTSD and trauma rates among adults surging from 4.5% pre-war to 23% today as well as a sharp rise in suicides in the IDF, with 54 soldiers lost since October 2023 and thousands more diagnosed with combat-related PTSD; and

Whereas survivors, bereaved families, displaced communities and soldiers even seek refuge abroad—and are living with trauma that threatens the resilience, unity, and future security of Israel; and

Whereas the younger generation bears the greatest weight of this trauma, while it represents the future leadership, vitality and survival of Zionism and the State of Israel;

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves that:

1. The World Zionist Organization recognizes its responsibility to support those suffering from trauma and the Office of the incoming Chairman will establish a National Mental Health Task Force within 60 days of the conclusion of this Zionist Congress, comprising government ministries, NGOs, academic experts, and international partners.
2. **Be it further resolved** to charge the Task Force with the following:
   - To deliver preliminary recommendations within 120 days of its establishment, addressing immediate intervention measures, long-term strategies, and systemic reforms to strengthen mental health care in Israel.
   - To map the post–October 7 trauma landscape, with all the victims of terrorist attacks, identifying priority populations and gaps in care, including survivors, displaced families, soldiers in the standing army and IDF reserves, Lone Soldiers in the Diaspora, the soldiers' families, survivor families, families of the returned live hostages and those of the fallen.
   - To expand urgent access to trauma treatment in Israel and abroad, with reintegration pathways for those returning.

- To ensure the recommendations include sustainable frameworks for prevention, treatment, and resilience-building, positioning mental health as a matter of national security.
- To integrate existing programs and other proven initiatives as core partners in the implementation of the Task Force's recommendations.
- A mechanism shall be established offering positive incentives to non-profit associations, government entities, municipal entities, entities subsidized by the state, that take steps to create a work environment that fosters resilience with a view to supporting reserve soldiers, discharged soldiers, and their partners.
- To train community leaders to support mental health and identify, initiate and integrate psychological support as a resilience resource.

Resolution No. 13: Strengthening Community Resilience and Combating Violence

Whereas the events of October 7 and the "Iron Swords" war posed an unprecedented challenge in coping with trauma and vulnerabilities in Israel's personal, family, and community resilience; and

Whereas a high percentage of children, youth and adults present symptoms of mental distress that require a systemic and coordinated response; and

Whereas since the war there has been a rise in violence within families, among children and youth, and in intimate relationships—phenomena that exacerbate the social rupture and require both systemic and preventive treatment; and

Whereas community-family resilience centers have proven to be an effective and complementary model to traditional institutional responses, and can also serve as hubs for educational and preventive activity in addressing violence and strengthening mutual responsibility; and

Whereas strengthening social and community resilience is a key condition for ensuring the continuity of the Zionist vision and building a shared and sustainable future;

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves:

1. To recognize community-family resilience centers as a central pillar of the Zionist framework to ensure the future of Israel's young generation and society in Israel.
2. To prioritize the allocation of resources and support to these centers, especially in vulnerable areas and communities affected by the war and ensure the availability and accessibility of resilience services to the entire population.
3. To implement violence prevention programs within the resilience centers—addressing domestic violence, violence among children and teenagers, and violence in intimate relationships—through education for tolerance, life skills development, and tools for conflict resolution, tailored to the needs of each community.
4. To promote partnerships between Zionist institutions, government ministries, local authorities, and civil society organizations, with the goal of creating a broad social rehabilitation framework that combines trauma treatment with violence prevention, as part of the Zionist vision of resilience, mutual responsibility, and social cohesion.

Resolution No. 14: Support for Holocaust Survivors

Whereas the *Shoah* (Holocaust) remains one of the darkest chapters in human history, in which six million Jews were systematically murdered, and countless others were persecuted, displaced, and dehumanized; and

Whereas *Shoah* survivors—those who endured the ghettos, the concentration camps, forced labor, hiding, and flight—embody extraordinary resilience and have played an irreplaceable role in rebuilding Jewish life, shaping the State of Israel, and preserving the memory of our people; and

Whereas the survivor population is aging rapidly, with many facing physical, emotional, and financial challenges that demand urgent and compassionate intervention; and

Whereas survivors live not only in Israel but across the Diaspora, and their needs vary according to geography, access to medical care, and communal infrastructure; and

Whereas the moral imperative of the Jewish people and the Zionist movement is to honor, protect and uplift those who bore witness to the Shoah and carried its memory forward; and

Whereas the World Zionist Organization (WZO), as a central body of the global Zionist movement, is uniquely positioned to coordinate, advocate, and implement programming that reflects our collective responsibility to survivors; and

Whereas the legacy of the survivors is foundational to Jewish continuity, and their stories must be preserved and elevated for future generations as a sacred trust,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves:

That the World Zionist Organization shall initiate and expand global programming dedicated to Holocaust survivors, including, but not limited to:

(a) Comprehensive medical and mental health services tailored to aging survivors;
(b) Financial assistance and housing support for survivors in need;
(c) Social and cultural programming to combat isolation and foster dignity;
(d) Documentation and storytelling initiatives to preserve survivor testimony.

1. That the World Zionist Organization shall collaborate with governments, NGOs, and Jewish communal organizations to ensure survivors receive coordinated care and recognition.
2. That the World Zionist Organization shall mobilize Jewish communities worldwide to contribute volunteer efforts and advocacy campaigns on behalf of survivors, especially in regions where infrastructure is limited.

3. That the World Zionist Organization shall frame this initiative as a fulfillment of Zionist values—affirming the sanctity of memory, the strength of Jewish peoplehood, and the moral leadership of the Jewish nation.
4. That the World Zionist Organization shall report annually on the progress of survivor support programs and continue to adapt its efforts to meet evolving needs with compassion and urgency.

Resolution No. 15: Addressing Antisemitism and Discrimination in Sports, the Arts & Culture

Whereas there has been a significant and ongoing increase in incidents of antisemitism and anti-Zionism in national and international sporting arenas, theaters, festivals, concert halls, exhibition festivities and artistic and literature-related events, including exclusion, boycotts, refusal to compete against Jewish athletes or representatives of the State of Israel, and physical and verbal harassment; and

Whereas these phenomena constitute a serious violation of the right to equality, of the values of sporting and artistic fairness, and of norms recognized in international law and conventions; and

Whereas the World Zionist movement bears a public and moral responsibility to act to ensure the dignity, safety, and fair treatment of Jewish and Israeli athletes and artists; and

Whereas the Zionist Congress has previously adopted fundamental resolutions regarding the fight against antisemitism and the BDS movement, which should be applied to the unique context of the sporting and artistic world; and

Whereas since the outbreak of the "Iron Swords" war in October 2023, there has been a marked escalation in cases of exclusion, boycotts, and antisemitic violence against Jewish and Israeli athletes and artists in international arenas,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX hereby resolves:

1. Condemnation

The Zionist Congress determines that the World Zionist Organization shall, through its official communication channels and in coordination with authorized state bodies, issue formal statements condemning every documented case of discrimination, exclusion, or boycott against Jewish or Israeli athletes in national or international sporting competitions, artistic events and artists.

2. Institutional Cooperation

The Zionist Congress shall instruct the Executive of the World Zionist Organization, through its authorized departments, to establish institutional cooperation with:

The Olympic Committee of Israel;

Israeli sports organizations; International Jewish organizations; authorized bodies of the State of Israel; international sports institutions, including, but not limited to the IOC and FIFA; international bodies of artistic organizations;

And to engage athletes, artists, owners and influencers to cast Israeli sports and the arts in a positive light.

Such cooperation shall include, *inter alia*:

Formulating agreed-upon principles and protocols for addressing antisemitism and discrimination in sports, the arts and culture.

3. Dedicated Support Framework

The Zionist Congress shall instruct the Executive of the World Zionist Organization to examine and present to the next Zionist General Council a proposed framework (such as a fund or other mechanism) aimed at providing victims of discrimination and antisemitism in sports with:

- Legal assistance
- Media support
- Educational and community backing

The proposed framework shall include:

1) Assessment of need
2) Structural alternatives
3) Potential sources of support
4) Legal and budgetary implications

4. Educational and Informational Integration

The Zionist Congress shall instruct the relevant departments of the World Zionist Organization to develop and implement dedicated educational units and enrichment programs addressing "Antisemitism in Sports, the Arts and Culture."

These programs shall be integrated within, but not limited to:

1) Zionist youth movements
2) Youth delegations
3) Seminars and summer camps
4) Jewish educational institutions worldwide

Justifications

A. The rise of antisemitism in sports, the arts and culture undermines fundamental rights and the values of sporting fairness and in the artistic world.
B. Dedicated institutional mechanisms are required to provide an effective and rapid response.
C. Educational and informational integration will raise awareness and strengthen Jewish identity among youth.

Resolution No. 16: Strengthening Local Efforts to Combat Antisemitism Globally

Whereas Jewish communities around the world have experienced an increase in antisemitic incidents and attacks on both institutions and individuals; and

Whereas there is a need for a coordinated effort to support and organize these local communities to combat the challenges they are faced with;

Whereas the United States has been Israel's greatest ally in international forums and a steadfast military partner for decades, and its continued support remains vital to Israel's security and future; and

Whereas the United States is home to the largest Jewish community in the world outside Israel, making the health, strength and security of American Jewry central to the Jewish people worldwide; and

Whereas antisemitism has increased considerably in the United States in recent years, placing Jewish communities across the country at risk; and

Whereas anti-Israel organizations have made coordinated efforts to spread antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiment at the grassroots level—including within state legislatures, local governments, school boards, and other civic institutions; and

Whereas local Jewish groups, often operating in silos, have been left to fight these battles independently and without coordinated support, resulting in duplication of efforts and diminished impact; and

Whereas, while national Jewish organizations play a critical role at the federal level, there remains a significant gap in local-level advocacy and defense, leaving small grassroots groups without the resources and unified backing they require; and

Whereas creating a global initiative at the onset would likely be unproductive;

Whereas a model for unifying efforts to combat antisemitism at the local communal level can be fine-tuned and expanded to other countries and adjusted to meet specific needs in conjunction with other communities,

The Zionist Congress XXXIX hereby resolves:

1. To affirm the urgent need for coordinated, grassroots-focused efforts to combat antisemitism and foster allyship and bridge-building in local communities around the world;
2. Building upon the outstanding work of various national organizations, supports the creation of a centralized resources and training under the aegis of experienced lay leaders in order to create, strengthen, unify, and provide resources to organized, local grassroots Jewish groups in their fight against antisemitism and anti-Israel activity in towns and cities across America.

3. Resolves to recommend that the National Institutions of the World Zionist Organization, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael and the Jewish Agency support the creation of and efforts by this entity and work in conjunction with the relevant government offices to provide support for local communities from a central organization.
4. Resolves to direct the World Zionist Organization Executive, in cooperation with a committee of lay leaders and the Zionist General Council, to create a formal 5-year comprehensive plan for roll-out to countries throughout the world with Jewish communities that have been targeted.

Resolution No. 17: Making Clear Demands on Diaspora Universities to Combat Campus Antisemitism

Whereas Diaspora universities have been doing too little to combat rampant antisemitism and anti-Israel activities, harassment and violence on college campuses, thereby denying Jewish and pro-Israel students and faculty their legal and human right to obtain or provide education in a safe, harassment-free learning environment; and

Whereas, the following events and policies on campus have contributed to antisemitism and the abrogation of Jewish students' rights:

1. Failure to disclose funds received from foreign sources, and failure to refuse foreign funding that fuels campus antisemitism and hostility toward Israel;
2. Failure to adequately discipline students who violently attack, libel or harass Jewish or pro-Israel students or faculty in person or online; or trespass or block Jewish or pro-Israel students' or faculty's access to any part of campus;
3. Failure to ban and defund university clubs except for those that are faith-based and organizations that exclude Jewish or pro-Israel students, faculty or speakers; or that call for murdering Jews, Intifadas or destroying the Jewish state; or that are funded by or are allied with or supportive of Hamas or other terrorist groups; including Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP); Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine (FSJP); Within Our Lifetime (WPL) and their collaborators;
4. Failure to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition and examples, and to utilize these tools in antisemitism training programs and disciplinary proceedings.
5. Failure to bring in law enforcement to arrest violent and trespassing students whenever appropriate;
6. Misusing DEI initiatives to characterize Jews as white, privileged oppressors, in disregard of surging antisemitism and the Jewish people's long history of persecution thereby marginalizing Jewish students;
7. Failure to strongly enforce Jewish, Israeli and pro-Israel students' and faculty's legal and moral rights to a safe, harassment-free learning environment, including allowing retaliation.
8. Failure to vet students applying for admission, and faculty applying for employment, to identify those who hold antisemitic attitudes or acts of harassment or intimidation

9. Failure to provide adequate security for Jewish, Israeli and pro-Israel students, faculty, programs and classes.
10. Failure to enforce their own student codes of conduct.
11. Placing the burden of security fees for Jewish, Zionist and pro-Israel events has been financial onerous on these student communities that other groups do not incur
12. Failure to consistently implement established corrective policy for faculty members and administration who libel, propagandize and foment hate against Israel and Jewish and Israeli students; and

Whereas, if universities fail to take strong corrective action, these violations of Jewish students' and faculties' rights will discourage educational and employment opportunities for Jewish students and damage their academic productivity,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX hereby resolves:

1. That the World Zionist Organization, acting through its antisemitism committee will create an initiative to monitor antisemitism on campuses throughout the Diaspora and actively engage in and support educational initiatives to inform university stakeholders, including Administration, students, faculty and Boards of Directors of the presence and harmful effects on Jewish students of each of the policies noted above and encourage efforts to address each of the issues noted above in conjunction with local Jewish, pro-Israel or Zionist student organizations.
2. Further, that the Zionist General Council and the Inner and Outer Executive will support and will recommend to our representatives in Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael (KKL), and all Zionist institutions, the Zionist World Unions, and all other entities described in the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization, that they publicly acknowledge those Universities that protect Jewish students.
3. To call on all universities to immediately remedy these harmful injustices.

Resolution No. 18: Strengthening Zionist Youth Movements, the *Magshimim* Movements and Informal Education in the Diaspora

Whereas the Zionist Congress, convening on the theme of *"Zionism 2048: Voices of the Generation"*, recognizes that the present and future of Zionism lie in the younger generations and in strengthening their connection to Israel and the Jewish people; and

Whereas the Zionist General Council XXXVIII/4, in its Resolution No. 1, emphasized the importance of supporting the Zionist youth movements and *Magshimim* movements around the world; and

Whereas Zionist youth movements and *Magshimim* movements constitute a vital foundation for securing a Jewish-Zionist identity and cultivating future Jewish leadership; and

Whereas informal education serves as a central framework for fostering belonging, Zionist identity, commitment to the State of Israel and to the Jewish people, and for training future Zionist leadership; and

Whereas strengthening the bond of Jewish youth in the Diaspora with the State of Israel is of paramount importance in an era of rising antisemitism, anti-Zionism, and delegitimization of the State of Israel; and

Whereas empowering young leadership in the Diaspora is essential to ensuring the continuity of Jewish life in both the Diaspora and the State of Israel, as well as to the growth of the Zionist movement,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves:

1. To continue support for Zionist youth movements and *Magshimim* movements
2. To strengthen the educational framework of Zionist youth movements and *Magshimim* movements,
   - To promote informal educational initiatives in the Diaspora as an integral component of the global Zionist educational framework.
   - To support the development of curricula, educational content, and the training of *madrichim* (youth leaders) focusing on Zionist identity, the values of the Zionist movement, and strengthening the connection with the State of Israel.
   - To support programs and initiatives that strengthen the Hebrew language as a bridge connecting Israel and the Diaspora.
   - To promote cooperative activity among local Zionist youth movements, by means of creating collaborative forums, projects and initiatives related to Zionist education,
3. To develop and empower young leadership

- To promote programs for the development of young Jewish-Zionist leadership in the Diaspora, with an emphasis on training, empowerment, and providing tools for community and Zionist engagement.
- To collaborate with Zionist youth movements and *Magshimim* movements, through the World Zionist Youth Council, in creating joint global leadership frameworks and advancing the movements worldwide and to support those who have not yet chosen to make Aliyah to Israel through other means of Zionist fulfillment.

4. To Promote Aliyah and Integration
    - To encourage young *bogrim* (graduates) of Zionist youth movements and *Magshimim* movements to make Aliyah, while reinforcing existing frameworks and establishing new, tailored pathways for absorption.
    - To deepen cooperation with absorption institutions and governmental bodies in order to ensure the optimal integration of young *olim* into Israeli society.
5. To support the deployment of Zionist *shlichim* (emissaries)
    - To strengthen and expand the framework for Zionist youth movements and the National Institutions *shlichim*, in order to continue reinforcing the connection of Jewish youth, young adults, and Diaspora communities as a whole with the State of Israel.

Resolution No. 19: Resolution in the Matter of the Central Zionist Archives in Jerusalem

Whereas the Central Zionist Archives are the central archive of the National Institutions, in accordance with the Resolutions by the XXIV Zionist Congress (1956) and the XXVI Congress (1964/5); and

Whereas, in recent years, the World Zionist Organization has been coordinating endeavors to support and renovate the Central Zionist Archives,

The Zionist Congress XXXIX hereby resolves:

To uphold the Resolutions of previous Congresses (attached herein) in relation to the status of the Central Zionist Archives and apply them across all the National Institutions – the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency for Israel, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael (Jewish National Fund) and Keren Hayesod, inclusive of subsidiary institutions established by the above and/or other Zionist organizations, should they not have their own official archives.

The Congress charges the Directorate of the Central Zionist Archives with the implementation of this Resolution and calls upon the Executives of the Zionist and National Institutions for their cooperation with the Directorate of the Archives in the implementation of said Resolutions.

Attachments – 2 Resolutions from previous Congresses:

1. CZA Resolution - Zionist Congress XXIV 1956

Zionist Central Archives

A. **Rationale** :

The Central Zionist Archives, which were established in Jerusalem in 1919 and expanded from 1936 and particularly after the establishment of the State of Israel, play an important role in Zionist endeavors, but does not receive all the support required to fulfill its role. One of the reasons for this is that it holds no official status in the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization. The Archives therefore propose the adoption of the following Resolutions. The Archives' Directorate feels confident that its ability to rely on said Resolutions by the Congress will greatly facilitate its work.

B. **Text of the Resolutions**:

The Congress esteems the work of the Zionist Central Archives as a central repository for materials relating to Zionist history, across all its streams and eras, their processing on a large scale and making them accessible to the public. It deems this work to be of great assistance to Zionist education

and making in-depth knowledge about Zionist tradition accessible to the present generation. It calls upon the Zionist Executive to expediate the work of the Archives to its full extent through the creation of suitable storage and processing facilities and by establishing a budget appropriate to the dimensions of this charge and its importance in our national endeavor. In order to accord permanent relief for the conservation of Zionist history by the Archives, **the Congress resolves**:

(a) The Central Zionist Archives in Jerusalem are the historic archives of the Zionist movement, the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency. It is charged with centralizing historical documentation, in as far as possible, in all forms, relating to Zionism, in all eras and countries.

(b) The offices and institutions of the WZO Executive and the Jewish Agency in Israel and the Diaspora are obligated to transfer to the Archives all files that are no longer necessary for ongoing work. The destruction of files is prohibited without the agreement of the Directorate of the Central Zionist Archives, which shall be in writing.

(c) This obligation applies similarly to all interterritorial organizations and all other Zionist organizations, should such a country or organization have no specialized historical archive. Such special Zionist archives shall be obligated to work in conjunction with the Central Zionist Archives.

(d) Every office or Zionist institution is obligated to supply, free of charge, the Central Zionist Archives, a form for all publications, whether printed, duplicated, photographed or in any other form.

(e) The Congress encourages the endeavors of the Central Zionist Archives in additionally collecting personal archives and those of unofficial institutions, thus giving them a place in the heart of this generation.

(f) The Congress charges the management of the Central Zionist Archives with the implementation of these decisions in a suitable manner.

The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

2. CZA Resolution – Zionist Congress XXVI 1965

29. The Central Zionist Archives

The Director of the Central Zionist Archives, which is the central archive of the Zionist movement, is required to supervise and coordinate the activities of the file records, repositories and archives in Israel and in the Diaspora – inclusive of the special archives relating to the movement's history – belonging to the institutions of the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the respective Zionist organizations, in all matters relating to the conservation of archival materials, whether overseas, or with their transfer to the Central Zionist Archives.

Resolution No. 20: Expanding Successful Efforts to Educate About Israel and Fight Antisemitism in Primary, Secondary, and Higher Education

Whereas studies by the ADL, Tel Aviv University, Brandeis University, B'nai B'rith International, StandWithUs UK, and others, have documented the dramatic rise of antisemitism in primary, secondary, and higher education institutions in communities around the world; and

Whereas when Hate and lies become viral, education has the power to save lives, and the Zionist movement must prioritize and fund educational initiatives to fight antisemitism accordingly; and

Whereas Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael has recognized the alarming rise in antisemitism and budgeted 10 million NIS to help support and fund existing organizations to combat antisemitism on campuses; and

Whereas the National Institutions have allocated hundreds of millions of shekels to protect Israeli communities, and there is an urgent need to help protect Diaspora communities; and

Whereas there are existing efforts across the Diaspora to educate about Israel and fight antisemitism in primary, secondary, and higher education, which require more support from the World Zionist Organization and the affiliated National Institutions to address the growing challenges our people face,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves:

1. That the World Zionist Organization, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael and the National Institutions shall formulate and implement a comprehensive framework to encourage, strengthen and coordinate among organizations, local movements and initiatives from all the streams of Judaism, for Jewish education, education about Israel and combating antisemitism and anti-Zionism. Emphasis shall be placed on collaboration with existing initiatives in Israel and the Diaspora that have proven successful outcomes in terms of benchmarks to be established, and that already have partial funding, with all of the above not detracting from new initiatives.
2. That the overall program and framework for cooperation shall be led by the the World Zionist Organization, in coordination with Zionist Jewish student organizations on campus. The proposal shall be approved by the Executive of the World Zionist Organization and shall be submitted as a Resolution to the first session of the Zionist General Council of the Congress. The urgency of this matter shall be emphasized.
3. That an annual monitoring and reporting mechanism shall be established to present to the Zionist General Council a transparent summary, in both Hebrew and English, of educational initiatives and their outcomes, including recommendations for improvement and expansion of their activities.

4. The Committee recognizes the importance of Jewish history in understanding the phenomenon of antisemitism and it calls upon ministries of education internationally to integrate the study of Jewish history into educational curriculum as part of education toward tolerance and prevention of antisemitism and anti-Zionism.

Resolution No. 21: Promoting Zionist Women's Leadership in Israel and the Diaspora

Whereas Zionism is founded on the values of equality, initiative, and a vision for the future of the Jewish people; and

Whereas women played a central role in the history of the Zionist movement and the building of the State, yet their representation in formal leadership positions in Israel and in Diaspora communities remains lacking; and

Whereas empowering women and integrating them into Jewish and Zionist leadership roles strengthens community resilience and ensures the continuity of the Zionist movement in line with its values; and

Whereas the Zionist Congress, as the representative institution of the Jewish people, bears a special responsibility to promote women's leadership in all arenas,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX resolves:

1. To encourage and prioritize the integration of leading women into Zionist movements and National Institutions, to strengthen the leadership backbone of the Zionist movement and ensure generational continuity.
2. To continue to support international programs for the development of Zionist women's leadership, for women in key leadership positions and careers. The program will include regional seminars, delegations to Israel, and digital campaigns, aimed at promoting their integration and empowerment in Zionist leadership roles.
3. To create a dedicated track for young and emerging women leaders, such as seminars, online workshops, and face-to-face meetings, in order to develop a new generation of young Zionist leaders.
4. To strengthen public awareness of women's place in historic and contemporary Zionism, through digital campaigns, educational initiatives, and media publications, highlighting the historic and future contributions of women to shaping the Zionist vision and leading the Jewish people.
5. An implementation committee shall be established, which shall work in coordination with the Finance Committee to ensure budgetary designation for this subject, and which will be responsible for following up on the integration of this Resolution.

Resolution No. 22: Empowering Women as Pillars of Jewish Continuity and Zionist Leadership

Whereas women across the Jewish world, particularly in the Diaspora, face rising antisemitism and Jewish identity challenges that threaten communal resilience and its Zionist connection; and

Whereas women are powerful agents of change, both in their own families and in the community at large, and to further their empowerment and advancement in order to ensure they are ready to lead Zionist, educational, and social agendas across generations; and

Whereas women are the main driving force behind a family's decision to make Aliyah; and

Whereas long-term Zionist leadership is based on continuity and intergenerational transmission, which requires intentional mentorship for the purpose of integrating values, tradition and knowledge among Jewish women; and

Whereas the Zionist women's organizations were at the forefront of establishing Zionist activity in the Diaspora, weaving a strong and everlasting string of commitment between world Jewry and the people in *Eretz Yisrael* (the Land of Israel), and they are committed to continuing to do so in the future,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX determines and resolves:

1. To launch a global initiative for Zionist education specifically tailored for women and girls in the Diaspora, focused on strengthening Jewish identity, deepening connection to Israel, enhancing their personal resilience and equipping them with tools to combat antisemitism based on much knowledge, confidence, and community support.
2. To advance women's leadership and representation by promoting policies and programs that support the integration of women as decision-makers, influencers and community builders across Israeli and Jewish society, including within World Zionist Organization institutions, Zionist youth movements, educational forums, and partner organizations.
3. To establish an international mentorship and leadership network connecting veteran Zionist women leaders with emerging young women, both in Israel and the Diaspora, to ensure intergenerational transmission of leadership, values, and communal responsibility.
4. It is further resolved that the Congress commits to integrating this three-pronged strategy — education, leadership, and mentorship — as a permanent feature of Zionist policy and investment, recognizing women as essential to the present and future strength of the Jewish people.

Resolution No. 23: Regularizing *Sherut Leumi* (National Service) Arrangements for Young Diaspora Women Volunteers

Whereas young women who are not Israeli citizens come every year from other countries to volunteer for "*Sherut Leumi*" (National Service) in Israel; and among them, over 200 *B'not Sherut* (female volunteers) from the Diaspora; and

Whereas this path of volunteering has become a strong incentive and encouragement for many *B'not Sherut* from the Diaspora to make Aliyah; and

Whereas a significant percentage of *B'not Sherut* register as *Olim* (New Immigrants) immediately on arrival or during the year of *Sherut Leumi* (and still others do so after having returned to their native countries); and

Whereas the *B'not Sherut* are accepted to *Sherut Leumi* (National Service) under the same terms of service as Israeli girls with an extended allowance, to which they are entitled, as *B'not Sherut* arriving from the Diaspora; and

Whereas many more *B'not Sherut* candidates for *Sherut Leumi* from the Diaspora are being turned down and not accepted because employers prefer Israeli girls over, due to economic issues stemming from the extended allowances, bringing the additional cost to approximately 45% more than for Israeli *B'not Sherut* ; and

Whereas the Zionist movement seeks every means of encouragement toward Aliyah, and even more so when it comes to young men and women who seek to build their future in Israel and integrate themselves in the life of our nation in Israel,

Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXIX calls upon:

The Government of Israel and the National Institutions to find the ways to encourage (or compensate) entities that employ National Service girls so that they will accept Diaspora *B'not Sherut Leumi*, despite the challenge presented by the extended allowance to which they are entitled to receive, thus paving a smooth and sure path for the Aliyah of many more young people to Israel.