

Federation of Zionist Organizations of the Republic of Belarus

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Holding elections of delegates to the Zionist Congress

Chapter 1. General Provisions

1.1. The Federation of Zionist Organizations of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter referred to as the Federation) is a voluntary association of public associations that are members of the Union of Belarusian Jewish Organizations and Communities, religious Jewish associations and organizations registered in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus and citizens of the Republic of Belarus, foreign citizens and stateless persons residing in the territory of the Republic of Belarus. The Federation is part of the World Zionist Organization and carries out its activities in accordance with the generally recognized principles and norms of international law, international treaties, the Charter of the World Zionist Organization and the Charter of the Federation.

1.2. These Rules for the Conduct of Elections of Delegates to the Zionist Congress of the World Zionist Organization (hereinafter referred to as the Rules) have been developed on the basis of the Rules for the Election of Delegates to the Zionist Congress, approved by the Presidium of the General Council and the Zionist Executive Committee on March 22, 1976, with subsequent amendments and additions, and establish the procedure for nominating candidates and registering them, the election system, forms and methods of voting, the counting of election results, as well as the procedure for appeal.

1.3. The preparation and conduct of elections are carried out openly and publicly.

Chapter 2. Bodies Carrying Out Preparations for the Elections

2.1. In order to properly implement the provisions concerning the organization of the preparation and conduct of elections to the Congress, the Board assumes the functions of the district election committee.

2.2. The number of members of the District Electoral Committee shall correspond to the number of members of the Management Board that comprise it.

2.3. The Chairman of the District Electoral Committee shall be the Chairman of the Management Board.

Chapter 3. Electoral Rights

3.1. Every person who has the right to vote in the elections to the Zionist Congress (hereinafter referred to as the Congress), who is a member of the Federation, who has reached the age of 18 in the year of the opening of the Congress, who resides in the territory of the Republic of Belarus and who has proven to the Federation or the Zionist Association, as the case may be, that he has fulfilled his obligations to Keren Hayesod – the United Israeli Appeal or the United Jewish Appeal in the USA and to the KKL, shall have the right to be elected as a delegate to the Congress.

3.2. Every person who has the right to vote in the elections to the Congress must be registered in the Register of Voters, compiled in accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Central Electoral Council. Only a person registered in the Register of Voters may vote in the elections to the Congress.

Chapter 4. Nomination of Candidates

4.1. Elections shall be held in a single electoral district, comprising the entire territory of the Republic of Belarus.

4.2. The nomination of candidates for delegates to the Congress from public associations that are members of the Union of Belarusian Jewish Organizations and Communities, religious Jewish associations and organizations registered in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus shall be carried out in accordance with the charters of these organizations.

4.3. Lists of persons applying for participation as candidates for delegates to the Congress, submitted by organizations and personal nominations must include the following data on candidates: name of the organization (for organizations), last name, first name, patronymic, date of birth, registration (residence) address. Lists and personal nominations of citizens are submitted to the Board no later than 1 month before the elections with the attachment of statements of candidates about their consent to participate in the elections of the following content: "I hereby declare that I _____ (last name, first name, patronymic) agree to be nominated in the elections to the Zionist Congress on the list _____ in the electoral district of the Republic of Belarus. Date, signature

4.4. The following candidates shall not be allowed to participate in the elections: - who do not recognize the existence of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic State and the World Zionist Organization as a democratic, Jewish entity; - who incite racism or discrimination based on origin, nationality, race, gender or sexual orientation; - who support the armed struggle of a hostile state or terrorist organization against the State of Israel.

4.5. Lists of organizations that were not represented by at least one delegate at the previous Congress, as well as any written personal nomination, must be signed by at least 50 persons entitled to vote in elections to the Congress, who appear in the Register of Electors.

4.6. Signatories must indicate their full names and addresses, and also indicate their affiliation with an organization if they so desire.

4.7. No person may sign more than one list of candidates for nomination as a candidate.

4.8. The lists of candidates shall be published in the Jewish press and in any other manner that may be determined.

4.9. The number of persons on the list of candidates shall correspond to the number of delegates to be elected. It is permissible to include in the lists of candidates for delegates candidates for alternate delegates in a number not exceeding twice the number of candidates for delegates. If an elected delegate fails to assume his duties or resigns after assuming office, he shall be replaced by an alternate delegate in the order in which they are indicated on the list of candidates.

4.10. Any list of candidates may be withdrawn no later than 15 days before the election date.

Chapter 5. Date of Elections

5.1. The Board shall publicly announce the date of the election of delegates to participate in the Congress no later than 6 weeks before the election.

5.2. Elections of delegates to participate in the Congress must be held no later than one month after determining the election method and no later than three months before the opening of the Congress.

Chapter 6. Voting Method and Calculation of Election Results.

6.1. Voting on lists submitted by organizations and personal nominees is carried out by members of the Board at its location (Republic of Belarus, Minsk, V. Khoruzhey St., 28) by open or secret ballot. Each member of the Board has the right to only one vote.

6.2. The decisions of the Management Board are valid if more than half of the members of the Management Board are present at its meeting. Decisions are made by a simple majority of votes of the members of the Management Board present. In case of a tie in open voting, the decision voted for by the Chairman of the Management Board shall be adopted.

6.3. The votes shall be counted by a counting commission created by the Management Board.

6.4. The candidate who receives the greatest number of votes of the members of the Management Board who took part in the voting shall be considered elected. When voting on one candidacy, the candidate shall be considered elected if he or she receives more than half of the votes of the members of the Management Board who took part in the voting.

6.5. The results of the voting elections shall be recorded in a voting protocol, which shall indicate the number of votes cast for each candidate, the number of votes cast against the candidate, and the exact number of members of the Management Board who took part in the voting, which shall be signed by the Chairman of the Management Board and one of the members of the Management Board.

Chapter 7. Elections without Voting

7.1. If, within the period for submitting lists of candidates or personal nominations for standing as a candidate, only one list of candidates or personal nomination of citizens that complies with the requirements of these Rules has been submitted, no vote shall be taken and the corresponding number of candidates shall be declared by the Board as elected delegates, and the number of candidates next on the list as their alternate delegates.

Chapter 8 Appeals. Filing an appeal

8.1. Authorised representatives of lists of candidates or personal nominations of citizens for standing as candidates that have been accepted or rejected by the Board or of at least a quarter of the number of voters required to submit a list of candidates or personal nominations for standing as a candidate may lodge an appeal with the WZO Legal Adviser regarding any instruction issued by the Board or its interpretation of the Election Rules.

8.2. Notwithstanding the complaint lodged with the WZO Advocate, the election procedure shall continue unless the WZO Advocate, as the case may be, decides to suspend it on the grounds that otherwise the plaintiff would suffer irreparable harm.

8.3. Appeals in election matters shall be lodged in writing in all copies within 21 days from the date of publication of the election results in Secretariat of the Supreme Zionist Court. A copy of the appeal is simultaneously submitted to the Board for response.

8.4. Each appeal shall be signed by authorized representatives of the candidates or personal nominations of citizens to stand as candidates on the list or to stand as a candidate who were accepted or rejected by the Board, or by at least a quarter of the number of voters required to submit candidates or personal nominations to stand as candidates.

8.5. Each appeal must include a statement of the facts on which it is based, a description of the evidence to be presented, accompanied, if possible, by written testimony and other documents.

8.6. An appeal may be filed on the following grounds: - during the conduct of the election or the elections, facts were revealed that could have influenced the results of the elections, the number of votes or the distribution of seats; - the distribution of seats was illegal.

8.7. If an appeal has been lodged regarding the distribution of seats or the determination of the remaining votes, the Board may, in accordance with the appeal itself, correct the election results.

8.8 If an appeal has been lodged against the Rules of the Board, it may comply with the appeal and amend the Rules.

Chapter 9 Election Schedule

9.1 28 February 2025 – final deadline for new organizations to apply for membership in the Federation.

9.2 8 April 2025 – final deadline for payment of fees and registration of applications.

9.3 8 April 2025 – 8 May 2025 – registration of voters.

9.4 8 June 2025 – 12 June 2025 – voting period.

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Minsk registration of voters to participate in the elections of delegates to the 39th World Zionist Congress1. Registration to vote

1.1. Every person of Jewish nationality, who is a member of the Federation of Zionist Organizations of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter referred to as the Federation), who has reached the age of 18 in the year of the opening of the Congress, resides in the territory of the Republic of Belarus and did not take part in the voting in the elections to the Israeli Knesset, which took place on November 1, 2022, or in the elections to the 39th World Zionist Congress (hereinafter referred to as the Congress) in any other country, has the right to vote in the elections to the Congress.

1.2. Registration of voters for participation in the elections of delegates to the Congress is carried out by public associations, religious Jewish associations and organizations registered in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus and members of the Federation, by submitting a personal application containing the following information: ☐ last name, first name, patronymic; ☐ date of birth; ☐ registration (residence) address; ☐ e-mail (if available); ☐ telephone number; ☐ Jewish identity; ☐ commitment to the Jerusalem program; ☐ information that the citizen did not vote in the last elections to the Knesset or in the elections to the 39th World Zionist Congress in any other country. The application must also contain consent to participate as a voter in the elections of the following content: "I hereby declare that I am _____ (last name name, patronymic) agree to be a voter in the elections to the 39th Zionist Congress on the list _____ in the electoral district of the Republic of Belarus."

1.3. To identify the person, the voter must present an identity document (passport, driver's license, military ID, etc.).

2. Registration fee:

2.1. Each voter is obliged to pay a registration fee (Zionist shekel) in the amount of 5 BYN (Belarusian rubles).

3. Protection of personal data:

3.1. Personal data submitted by citizens registered to participate as a voter in the elections of delegates to the Congress are stored in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus on personal data regulating their processing and protection.

4. Appeal.

4.1. In case of refusal of registration, the complaint is sent to the Board of the Federation within 3 days from the date of refusal for consideration on the merits and adoption of a final decision.

5. Registration of voters

5.1. Registration of voters who have fulfilled the registration conditions will take place from April 8, 2025 to May 13, 2025.

5.2. Voting period: Voting will take place from 8:00 on June 8, 2025, to 20:00 on June 12, 2025.

5.3. Voting of voters shall be carried out in the manner prescribed by the charter of the organization in which voters are registered. Voters have the right to only one vote.

6. Conducting an election campaign

6.1. The election campaign must be open, free, fair and ensure equal conditions for all organizations and citizens.

6.2. During the election campaign, humiliation of candidates, intolerance and threats against them are prohibited.

6.3. Bribery or stimulation of citizens' choice of voters is prohibited.