STATUTE

OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

"FEDERATION OF ZIONISTS IN BULGARIA"

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED ON 03.07.2018

GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

Art. 1. (1) The ASSOCIATION is a legal entity, separate from its members, constituted in accordance with the dispositions of the Non-profit Legal Entities Act, the Statute and the Resolution of the Constituent Assembly.

(2) The Association shall be liable for its obligations with its own property.

(3) The members of the ASSOCIATION shall not be held liable for the obligations of the Association.

(4) The members shall be responsible for importing the due membership fees.

NAME AND HEADQUARTERS

Art. 2. The name of the ASSOCIATION is FEDERATION OF ZIONISTS IN BULGARIA.

Art. 3.1 The HEADQUARTERS and MANAGING ADDRESS shall be at **67 Knyaz Dondukov Blvd, fl. 2, Sofia.**

3.2.The name and managing address shall be indicated in all documents and publications of the ASSOCIATION.

TERM

Art. 4. The ASSOCIATION shall not be limited by any term or other termination condition.

DEFINING THE ACTIVITY

Art. 5. The ASSOCIATION shall operate for private benefit.

OBJECTIVES

Art. 6. The objectives of the ASSOCIATION shall be:

- To cooperate to preserving the unity of the Jewish community and asserting its identity and culture.
- To support the Jewish causes, to destroy antisemitism and hatred of any kind;
- To represent Israel in emerging political and economic matters
- To represent the interest of the heirs of the Jews in Bulgaria, immigrants in Israel, including regarding non-maintained properties abandoned by them in Bulgaria.

- To encourage the development of Jewish consciousness by preserving and maintaining the traditional, cultural and historical values of Jewry.
- To encourage studying and adopting Zionist theories based on the ideals for justice and peace;
- To protect the constitutional and human rights of Jews through interaction with the national and international organizations;
- To coordinate its activity in accordance with the agenda adopted by the 27th Zionist Congress held in Jerusalem in July 1968 and where the main points were:
    - Unity of Jewry;
    - Intensifying the process of involving Jews to their historical homeland;
    - Encouraging the connections with the State of Israel, supporting its development based on peace and democracy;
    - Protecting the spiritual and cultural identity of Jewry;
    - Safeguarding the social, religious and civil rights of Jews in Bulgaria and worldwide;

MEANS TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 7. The ASSOCIATION shall achieve its objectives in accordance with the Constitution and the legal norms of the Republic of Bulgaria, by:

- Creating and maintaining contacts with similar organizations abroad and with the world Zionist organization;
- Organizing workshops and discussions related to studying Zionism as a social and historical phenomenon as well as introducing its different interpretations;
- Participating in forums with national and international character of identical thematic nature;
- Popularizing common Jewish and Zionist ideas through printing and publishing, as well as through other public activities;

PRINCIPLES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 8. The principles of the ASSOCIATION shall be:

- Freedom of choice and voluntariness of the participation.
- Considering the interests of all members and giving a chance to participate in the agenda of the ASSOCIATION.
- Equality of different programmes.
- Cooperation of initiative, activity and participation.
- Popularization of new ideas and programmes.
- Creativity, developing own individuality, traditions and innovation.
- Openness and transparency of the ASSOCIATION before the society.
- Independency and neutrality.

MEMBERSHIP

Art. 9. The membership in the ASSOCIATION shall be voluntary. Member of the ASSOCIATION can be any adult physical person with legal capacity, who:

- Accepts the Statute.
- Pays regularly the membership fee.
- Participates in the activities of the ASSOCIATION

Art. 10. The candidates for membership shall submit a written application to the General Assembly through the Chairman of the ASSOCIATION.

10.1 The founders shall become members by right.

10.2 Accepting new members shall be realized based on the approving resolution of the General Assembly.

Art. 11. The membership shall be ended by:

- The death of a member or putting them under complete injunction;
- Failure to pay the membership fee for three consequent months;
- Leaving the ASSOCIATION;
- Being expelled from the ASSOCIATION;

11.1. Termination by the ASSOCIATION:

1. The persons wishing to end their membership shall submit a 3-months written notification to the General Assembly through the Chairman of the ASSOCIATION.
2. The written notification for ending the membership in the ASSOCIATION can be withdrawn at any time before the expiration of the 3-months term of the notification.
3. Member of the ASSOCIATION who has submitted a written notification for ending the membership in ASSOCIATION cannot be a member of the Steering Committee.
4. The membership cannot be ended if the ASSOCIATION is subject of judicial termination proceedings.

11.2.A member of the ASSOCIATION can be expelled if they:

- Systematically fail to perform their obligations;
- Fail to pay the membership fee;
- Do not comply with the membership requirements;
- Discredit the good image of the ASSOCIATION;

5. The decision to expel a member shall be taken by the Steering Committee or shall become effective after the approval of the General Assembly.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS

Art. 12.1. The members of the ASSOCIATION shall have equal rights and obligations. The members of the ASSOCIATION shall have the right to:

- Participate in the work of the ASSOCIATION;

- Be informed on the work of the ASSOCIATION;
- Have one vote when taking the decisions of the General Assembly;
- Have membership cards;
- Receive free of charge information available at the ASSOCIATION;
- Participate in the acts and events organized by the ASSOCIATION;
- Leave the ASSOCIATION with 3-month written notification;

12.2. The members of ASSOCIATION shall be obliged to:

- Comply with the Statute;
- Execute the decisions of the management bodies of the ASSOCIATION;
- Not to perform activities that discredit the good image of the ASSOCIATION;
- Pay on a regular basis the membership fee amounting to BGN ..... (.....);
- Pay single admission fee amounting to BGN ..... (.....);

PROPERTY AND FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE ORGANIZATION

Art. 13. 1. The ASSOCIATION shall be able to possess movable and immovable property which shall be joint.

13.2. The ASSOCIATION shall fund its operations and acquire its property from the:

- admission fee;
- membership fee;
- donations;
- sponsorship;

Art. 14. All members of the ASSOCIATION shall be obliged to make contributions in the form of membership fee. The membership fee shall amount to BGN .....and shall be paid each month. The term to pay the membership fee shall be not later than the 10th /tenth/ of each month, following the month the fee refers to. All overdue membership fees shall accrue interest amounting to the basic interest rate as set by the Bulgarian National Bank.

MANAGEMENT AND MANAGEMENT BODIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

Art. 15. The management bodies of the ASSOCIATION shall be the General Assembly and the Steering Committee.

15.1. The General Assembly shall be the supreme management body of the ASSOCIATION and shall consist of all its members. The General Assembly shall be convened by the Steering Committee in the cases and in the way established in the Statute or by request of one tenth of the members. If in the last case the Steering Committee does not convene the General Assembly within a two-weeks term, it shall be convened by the court.

15.2. The General Assembly shall be convened through written invitations sent to the members of the ASSOCIATION, at least one month before the appointment. In

extraordinary cases the convening of the General Assembly shall be possible by written invitations sent to the members of the ASSOCIATION at least 7 /seven/ days before the appointment.

15.3. The General Assembly shall be considered legally valid if at least the half of all members or delegates attend. If the necessary quorum is not present, the meeting shall be postponed for one hour with the same agenda and shall be considered legally valid regardless of the number of members and delegates present.

15.4. Each member shall have one vote within the General Assembly. **Authorized voting shall not be permitted.**

15.5. The decisions of the General Assembly shall be taken by the majority of the votes (fifty percent plus one) but when it comes to modifications of the Statute, termination of the ASSOCIATION or its merger with another association as well as regarding expelling or admitting new members or for disposition of property of the ASSOCIATION, a majority of 2/3 (two thirds) of the attendees shall be required.

15.6. On matters which have not been entered into the agenda and dully disclosed, no decisions shall be permitted. This shall not be valid for removing members of the Steering Committee and for electing new members in their place.

15.7. No member shall have the right to vote when taking decisions regarding them, their spouse, their elder or younger relatives, as well as the persons related to them collaterally or by affinity up to second degree.

15.8. The decisions of the General Assembly contradicting to the Statute or the law shall be withdrawn by the governmental authority monitoring the ASSOCIATION and by request of 1/10 (one tenth) of its members.

Art. 16. The General Assembly shall:

- Determine the amount of the membership fee and the admission fee;
- Adopt and modify the Statute;
- Terminate the ASSOCIATION;
- Modify the ASSOCIATION;
- Take decisions on the participation of the ASSOCIATION in other associations;
- Admit new members;
- Expel members;
- Approve the expelling of members;
- Elect the Steering Committee;
- Take decisions on the disposition with ASSOCIATION property.

16.1. Voting shall be open, unless otherwise decided.

Art. 17. The Steering Committee shall be a permanent management body of the ASSOCIATION.

17.1. The Steering Committee shall:

- Convene and organize the meetings of the General Assembly by sending written invitations to the members of the ASSOCIATION at least fourteen days before the

appointment of the General Assembly meeting. The invitations shall indicate the time, venue and the agenda of the meeting. The Steering Committee shall be bound to convene the General Assembly at least one a year;

- Manage the affairs of the ASSOCIATION.
- Elaborate and present to the General Assembly the annual budget and the profit and loss statement for approval.
- Adopt the annual agenda of the activities of the ASSOCIATION.
- Not be able to impose obligations on the ASSOCIATION without the express decision of the General Assembly.

17.2. The Steering Committee shall consist of at least three members and shall be elected by the General Assembly for a maximum period of three years. The old Steering Committee shall continue performing its duties until a new one is elected.

17.3. The decisions of the Steering Committee shall be taken at monthly or extraordinary meetings by simple majority (fifty percent plus one) and each of the members shall have one vote. If the Steering Committee is comprised of three members, the decisions shall be taken unanimously.

17.4. The meetings of the Steering Committee shall be considered regular if at least three members are present.

17.5. The Steering Committee shall be led by a CHAIRMAN who shall REPRESENT the ASSOCIATION in accordance with the dispositions of the Statute and the decisions of the General Assembly.

17.6. The Chairman shall nominate, fire and lead the employees of the ASSOCIATION and shall sign civil contracts with third persons.

17.7. The Steering Committee members shall be able to resign by a written request, with a 3-moths notice. The request shall be submitted to the General Assembly which shall review it during one of its sessions. The General Assembly shall be able to accept the resignation immediately without waiting for the expiration date of the notice.

17.8. In case of a death or ending the membership of the Chairman or of a member of the Steering Committee, the General Assembly shall be obliged immediately to elect their substitutes.

17.9. For all meetings of the management bodies of the ASSOCIATION shall be kept minutes which shall be inscribed into special protocol books, containing the following data:

- date and place of conducting the meeting;
- list of the invited members;
- agenda;
- speeches and decision taken;
- signatures of the attendees;
- name and signature of the reporter.

TERMINATION

Art. 18.1. The ASSOCIATION shall be terminated by decision of the:

- General Assembly

- Court if during three months the organization is left with less members that the number needed according to the Statute for forming the Steering Committee, if its activity contradicts to the law, if its activity contradicts to the Statute or to the public order, if the organization becomes insolvent. After the termination of the ASSOCIATION its property shall be handed to the state which shall be responsible for the obligations of the ASSOCIATION up to the size of the property.

18.2. The termination of the ASSOCIATION shall be inscribed officially when this is decreed by the court and as per a notice of the Steering Committee in the rest of the cases.

OTHER DISPOSITIONS

Art. 19. The ASSOCIATION can issue printed publications.

Art. 20. The existence and the activities of the ASSOCIATION shall not be limited by any term of duration.

Art. 21. All matters not considered in the Statute and the emerging disputes shall be settled in accordance with the dispositions of the valid legislation.

Art. 22. The Statute shall become effective as of the moment of inscribing into the Commercial Register and the Register of Non-profit Legal Entities at the Registry Agency.

MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION "FEDERATION OF THE ZIONISTS IN BULGARIA":

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2._____

3. _____

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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