

### **Article 1**

the union bears the name: Dutch Zionist Federation

### **Seat**

### **Article 2**

Amsterdam

### **Goal**

### **Article 3**

1. the Dutch Zionist federation is part of the World Zionist Organization, whose program on the first congress, held in 1897 in Basel, was defined as follows:  
“Zionism strives for a statutory guaranteed own dwelling place for the Jewish people in Palestine  
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2. The Dutch Zionist federation respects the decisions of the World Zionist Organization unless against the Dutch law
3. The object of the union: the execution of the “Jerusalem Program” reading:  
The unity of the Jewish People and the centralizing Israel in Jewish life  
the assembly of the Jewish people in its historic homeland, erets jisrael, through aliyah from all countries: the reinforcement of the state of Israel, which is founded on the prophetic vision of justice and peace  
– to save the identity of the Jewish people through promoting Jewish and Hebrew education and Jewish spiritual and cultural values
4. the union( hereafter mentioned as the federation) tries to achieve this goal by initiating, stimulating and coordinating activities in the Zionist area in the Netherlands, and also through all other means

### **Members**

### **Article 4**

1. Members of the Federation can be corporate bodies, who are a member of, or are connected to the World Zionist Organization of the Jewish Agency for Israel, as well as the foundation located in Amsterdam: the foundation for education and sending out Israel-pioneers ( earlier called Palestine- pioneers) “Hachsjava and Aliyah” and the Tarbut foundation.
2. The members are distinguished in :
  - a) associations with at least 40 adult members
  - b) associations that don't fit the requirements under a) regarding the number of members
  - c) foundations
  - d) youth organizations
3. the board of the federation can decide, when decided with  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the votes cast in a meeting in which 80% of the total votes that can be cast are present, to admit an association as meant under 2b) as well as a foundation that does not meet the requirements as mentioned under section 1 of this Article, but which endorses the “Jerusalem program” as mentioned in Article 3 section 3.
4. the board keeps a register that records the names and addresses of all members and all deputies and vice deputies as mentioned under Article 10 of these statutes

### **Admission**

### **Article 5**

1. the board of the federation decides about the admission of members
2. in case of non- admission as a member, the refused has the right of appeal to the honorary

council

## **Termination of membership**

### **Article 6**

1. the membership is terminated:
  - a. because of disbanding of the member
  - b. through termination by member
  - c. through termination on behalf of the Federation, which is possible when a member does not meet the requirements anymore as stated in the statutes, when he does not fulfil its obligations towards the Federation, and also when it in all fairness cannot be required from the Federation to prolong the membership.
  - d. through expulsion. This can only be pronounced when a member acts in opposition to the statutes, regulations or decisions of the federation, or harms the federation in an unreasonable way.
2. Termination in name of the federation is executed by the board of the federation
3. termination of the membership by the member or by the federation can only happen towards the end of the financial year and with regard to the term of notice being 3 months. Membership can always be ended if in all fairness prolongation can not be required from either the federation or the themember .
4. a termination contrary to the above section 3) terminates the membership at the first admissible moment following the date of the announced termination.
5. immediate termination of membership through annulment by a member is also possible:
  - a) within a month after a decision to limit the rights of the members or their obligations are increased has been communicated to the member  
This decisions cannot be applied to the member. A member cannot though expel a through termination a decision that has increased the financial obligations of the members.
  - b) within a month after the decision to change the legal form of the federation into another legal form or to merge , has been communicated to him
6. expulsion from membership is executed by the board of the federation
7. After a decision by the federation, to terminate the membership and/or a decision of expulsion the concerned party has the possibility within a month after receiving the decision to appeal with the honorary board. To this end the concerned party is informed at soon as possible in writing about the decision with statement of reasons. The member is suspended hanging the appeal.
8. When membership ends during a calendar year, the total annual contribution is due.

## **Annual contributions**

### **Article 7**

1. The members are held to pay a n annual contribution, that will be decided by the Federation board. The members can be classified in categories that pay different contributions.
2. The federation board is authorized in special cases to exempt totally or partially from paying the contribution.

## **Board**

### **Article 8**

The management of the federation is entrusted to a board called: "the executive board" consisting of at least 5 people, who are nominated by and from the (larger) **Federation board**.

**Federation board**  
**Article 9**

1. All powers, which are not by law or the statutes entrusted to the “executive board”, belong to the **Federation board** ( i.e. The general assembly of the federation).
2. Annually, at the latest 6 months after the end of the financial year, s general assembly meeting is held. In the annual meeting will be discussed:
  - a) the year report and the annual account as indicated in Article 17 with the report of the there mentioned committee
  - b) the nomination of the mentioned committee for the next financial year
  - c) propositions for filling any vacancies
  - d) propositions by the executive board or members announced when the meeting was convoked
3. Meetings of the Federation board are held once every 3 months and as often as the executive board thinks appropriate
4. Furthermore the executive board is – on written request of 3 members or at least so many members as are qualified to cast 1/10 of the votes a vote – obligated to hold a meeting of the Federation board within 4 weeks after the request. If within 2 weeks the request is not honored , the proposers can convoked the meeting themselves as mentioned in Article 13) The ones requesting the meeting can charge the presidium as mentioned in Article 11) with leading the meeting and writing the minutes.

**Admission and voting right**  
**Article 10**

1. The members ought to declare in writing to the executive board who as representative of the member (organization) in the assembly of the Federation board will cast a vote. Any member can designate a replacement for every representative.  
The designation of representatives has to be undersigned by the ones that are authorized to represent that member. This designation also need to contain the membership list of the member-organizations, from which becomes clear to how many representatives any member-organization is entitled.  
The number of representatives is calculated as follows;
  - a) organizations, as mentioned in Article 4 sub 2.a and 2.d, with less than 100 members : one representative
  - b) organizations, as mentioned in Article 4 sub 2.a and 2.d, with 100 members or more but less than 300 members: two representatives
  - c) organizations, as mentioned in Article 4 sub 2.a and 2.d, with 300 members or more but less than 500 members: three representatives
  - d) organizations, as mentioned in Article 4 sub 2.a and 2.d, with 500 members or more : four representatives
  - e) foundations and organizations, as mentioned in Article 4 sub 2.b and 2.c : one representative
2. The designation of a representative is for unlimited time.  
A member-organization can revoke the designation of a representative at any time by designating another representative.
3. The number of representatives that a member can designate is based ont he number of members on January first of every calender year.  
One person can only be counted for one member-organization in the calculation of representatives, even if that person is member of more member-organizations
4. Every representative has the right to one vote
5. admission to the assembly of the Federation board is open to all representatives, individual

- members and board members of all member-organizations
6. the presidium decides about admission of other persons than mentioned under section 5)

### **Presidency Article 11**

1. The meetings of the Federation board are being lead – unless a situation happens as described in Article 9, section 4, last sentence, - by a presidium, each time for the period of one year, appointed by the Federation board from her midst.
2. From the issues discussed during every meeting minutes are made by the secretary or another person designated by the president, that are determined and signed by the secretary and the president. Those who convoked a meeting can have minutes made by a notary. The content of minutes will be brought to the attention of the members.

### **Decision making by the Federation board Article 12**

1. The judgment pronounced by the presidium in the Federation board concerning a voting result is decisive. The same applies to the content of a decision when the vote was about a not written proposition.
2. When immediately after the judgment has been pronounced the correctness is questioned, a new vote will be taken when the majority of the assembly or, if the original vote was not taken per capita or was not in writing, some one with voting rights wishes this. Through this new voting any judicial consequences of the original voting are canceled out.
3. Insofar the constitution or the law don't determine differently, all decisions are made with absolute majority of the votes cast by the assembly of the Federation board.
4. A blank vote is considered not to be cast.
5. If in an election of persons nobody has the absolute majority, a second ballot will take place between the two candidates who at the first voting assembled the most and second to most votes.  
In the case that again nobody acquires an absolute majority, another ballot will take place. When this is again not conclusive a lot will be drawn.
6. When the votes are equal on a proposition not considering a persons election, than the proposition is rejected.
7. About individuals will be voted in writing unless there is only one candidate for the vacancy. All other voting happens oral, unless the presidium or someone with voting rights wishes a written voting. Written voting happens through closed unsigned papers. Decision making by acclamation is possible, unless someone with voting rights wishes a voting per capita.
3. a unanimous decision by all representatives, also when not gathered in a meeting , has, provided taken with prior knowledge of the executive board , the same power as a decision taken in a gathering of the Federation board
4. As long as in a meeting of the Federation board all representatives are present, valid decisions can be taken, provided they were taken unanimously, considering all subjects discussed - thus also a proposition. to change the constitution or to annulment- even without convocation or. when the convocation was not done in the prescribed way or if any other formality considering the convocation and conduction of the meeting was not followed

### **Convoking a meeting of the Federation board Article 13**

1. The meetings of the Federation board are convoked by the executive board. The

- convocation is addresses in writing to all addresses of the members and representatives is registered in the member registration as mentioned in Article 4. The term for the convocation is at least 14 days except in case of emergencies
2. in the convocation the subjects to be discussed are mentioned, unabated the contents of Article 23

**End of membership executive board  
periodical membership - suspension  
Article 14**

1. Every member of the executive board, also when he is appointed for a limited period, can be discharged or suspended at any moment. A suspension that is not followed within three months by a decision to discharge, ends when this time period.
2. Every board member steps down ultimately after three years since his installation, following a schedule of resignation
2. After stepping down he can be reappointed once; someone who has been appointed in a interim vacancy, steps down following the schedule of his predecessor.
1. The executive board membership ends also :
  - a) through ending the function of representative in the Federation board
  - b) by stepping down

**Functions in the board- decision making by the executive  
Article 15**

1. Of all things discussed in every executive board meeting minutes are made by the secretary, that are signed by the president and the secretary.  
Different from the (Dutch) law, is the judgment of the president considering the creation and the contents of a decision not decisive.
2. Through regulations rules can be added considering the meetings of and the decisions by the executive board

**Tasks of the board-representation  
Article 16**

1. with exception of the limitations stated in the constitution the executive board is in charge of the federation
2. if the number of board members is below 5, the board is still competent. It has though the obligation to organize a meeting of the Federation board in which the provision of the open seat is discussed
3. the executive board is, if approved by the Federation board, competent under its responsibility to delegate some indicated tasks to committees nominated by the executive board
4. the executive board is, provided there is approval of the Federation board, competent to enter into an agreement to decide to purchase, sell and mortgage registered goods, to make a deal and to enter into a contract. ..  
If this approval is lacking, appeals can be made against and by third parties
5. Unabated the last sentence of section 4 the federation is represented in and out of court
  - a) either by the executive board
  - b) or by two members of the executive board

**Annual report- financial report and accountability**  
**Article 17**

1. the union year equals the calendar year
2. the executive board is obligated to keep the books in such a way that at all times the federation can learn her rights and obligations
3. the executive brings out the annual report in a meeting of the Federation board within six months after the termination of the calendar year, unless the Federation board prolongs this term, containing the current affairs, the conducted policy and hands out to the meeting a state of checks and balances signed by the members of the executive board; when a signature is lacking the reason will be stated.
4. the Federation board appoints yearly from the (board)members a committee of at least two persons , not being part of the executive board. That committee investigates the checks and balances and reports to the Federation board on its findings.
5. When the investigation of the checks and balances is in need of special book keeping knowledge, the committee can be assisted by a professional. The executive board is obligated to deliver all requested information, to show if so wished the cash and the valuables and insight into the books and documents of the Federation.
6. the task of the committee can be revoked at all times, but only by appointment of another committee.
7. The executive board is obliged to keep the documents as mentioned under section 2 and 3 during 10 years

**Honorary board**  
**Article 18**

1. there is an honorary council existing from six members, that is burdened with the disciplinary and honorary judiciary within the federation
2. Besides the qualifications attributed to the honorary council, they will take notice of all complaints, directed against members of or organizations within the Federation due to acts or attitudes, which are in conflict with the principles and interests of the Zionist World Organization
3. in other cases the honorary council can declare itself competent with approval of the concerned parties

**Article 19**

1. The members of the honorary council Are chosen by the Federation board for a period of four years. They are immediately eligible for reelection
2. The membership of the honorary council can not be combined with any other function in the Federation.
3. The Federation board determines regulations for the honorary council, with further rules considering the composition, procedure en authority.
4. The honorary council is obliged to pass judgment within five months after receiving a complaint, unless the term is prolonged with another five months by the executive board on request by the honorary council.
5. When the honorary council does not meet the term as mentioned under section 4 of this Article, the first meeting of the federation board is authorized to dismiss the members of the honorary council while appointing other members of the honorary council.
6. The honorary council can – when a complaint has been declared founded- can pass the following judgment:

- a. binding advice to admit a member, to expel, or to end the membership
- b. suspension for a certain period of voting rights, active and passive
- c. interdiction for a certain period to the right to perform any function in the federation.
- d. a reprimand

### **Publication of the federation**

#### **Article 20**

1. the federation has a publication under the leadership of at least one and a maximum of five editors, who are chosen by the federation board for the period of two year. If in the mean time the editorial board is absent the executive board will make the necessary arrangements until the next meeting of the federation board. For interim vacancies the executive board will make arrangements on propositions of the editorial board.
2. The editorial board is for its policy accountable to the federation board.
3. The federation board defines regulations for the publication of the federation

### **Elections delegates Zionist congress**

#### **Article 21**

The way the delegation to the Congress of the world Zionist organization is realized will each time be determined by the federation Board according to the instructions of the World Zionist Organization and in accordance with Dutch law.

### **Right of say in other organizations**

#### **Article 22**

The competence of the federation to accept and execute the right of say in other Jewish and/or Zionist organization , including the execution of the competency to appoint persons in functions in such organizations, is the right of the assembly of the federation board. When the approval or the cooperation of the federation is needed for changing and/or termination of such competency of the right of say, it will be awarded by the Federation board.

When the approval or cooperation of the federation for the change and/or termination of such authority is demanded, it will be granted by the federation Board.

### **Amendment of the constitution**

#### **Article 23**

1. In the constitution of the federation no amendments can be made but by a decision of the assembly of the federation board, that has been convoked with the announcement that on this occasion amendments of the constitution will be proposed.
2. Those who have convoked the assembly of the federation board to debate a proposal to amend the constitution, must at least four weeks prior to the meeting a copy of that proposal, in which the proposed amendments are recorded verbatim , deposit for perusal on a location suitable for the members until the end of the day of the meeting. Moreover a copy as intended above, will be send to all members.
3. A decision to amend the constitution need at least two third of the cast votes, in a meeting in which at least two third of the representatives is present or represented. If not this two third of the representatives is present or represented, a second meeting will be convoked and held, in which the proposal as debated in the prior meeting, regardless the number of present or represented representatives, can be decided, provided it gets two third of the cast votes
4. A amendment of the constitution will only become effective after it has been documented by a notary. Every member of the Executive board can execute this.

**Dissolution**  
**Article 24**

1. The federation can be dissolved by a decision of the federation Board. The sections 1,2 and 3 of the previous Article applicable
2. Unless the federation board decides differently, the liquidation is executed by the executive board.
3. The credit balance reverts to those who are members at the time of liquidation. Every one receives a part in proportion of their yearly contribution. With the decision of liquidation it is possible to decide another purpose for the credit balance.
4. The federation stops to exist on the moment when to the knowledge of the liquidators no more benefits are existing. The liquidators inform the registers in which the federation is registered.

**Regulations**  
**Article 25**

1. The assembly of the Federation Board can define one or more regulations
2. The regulation can not be contrary with the law, nor with the constitution.

**Final provision**  
**Article 26**

For the first time are appointed as members of the executive board:  
7 names