

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
of the
ITALIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION

1. Definition and objectives, headquarters.

1.1 The program decided upon by the first Zionist Congress of Basel, was finalized with the birth of the State of Israel.

1.2 The objectives of Zionism are:

- the unity of the Jewish people and the centrality of Erez Israel, the land of Israel, in their life.
- The reunion of the Jewish people in their historic country Erez Israel, by immigration from all countries.
- The strengthening of the State of Israel, based on prophetic ideals of justice and peace.
- The conservation of the identity of the Jewish people by the increase of Jewish education, the use of the Jewish language and the knowledge of Jewish spiritual and cultural values.
- The protection of the rights of Jews in any place whatsoever.

1.3 The Italian Zionist Federation [Federazione Sionistica Italiana] ("FSI"), through Italian Zionist Groups [Gruppi Sionistici Italiani] ("GSI") and Affiliated Jewish Organizations [Organizzazioni Ebraiche Affiliate] ("OEA"), reverts to Italian Jews who want to give their contribution to the realization of the Zionist idea and recognize the FSI as the instrument for so doing.

1.4 In the Italian reality, it pursues the objectives of the Zionist Movement by adhering to the World Zionist Organization [Organizzazione Sionistica Mondiale] (“WZO”), which accepts the Articles of Association.

The activities and objectives of the FSI cannot be identified with and do not coincide with any political or religious tendency and all opinions are accepted and respected.

1.5 The Italian Zionist Federation:

- a) represents the World Zionist Organization;
- b) ensures that resolutions taken by World Zionist Congresses are implemented in Italy;
- c) participates in the WZO’s activities;
- d) organizes the appointment of Italian Delegates to WZO Congresses and to any other Congresses promoted by that Organization;
- e) endeavors to establish Italian Zionist Groups (GSI) as local Sections of the FSI;
- f) upholds any and all initiatives intended to encourage “*Alià*” (immigration) to Israel, together with the competent bodies of the WZO and the Jewish Agency;
- g) protects the identity of the Jewish People by retaining Jewish spiritual and cultural values as an objective. To achieve such objective, it promotes and collaborates with any and all forms of cultural Jewish activity in general, and Zionist activity in particular; to ensure the diffusion of the Jewish tradition, language, history and Jewish and Israeli culture;
- h) increases the diffusion of Zionist ideals, especially among the young and in Jewish schools;
- i) encourages and supports the activities of Zionist youth movements;
- j) encourages the harmonization of all Jewish groups;

- k) collaborates with non Jewish cultural, social and political institutions that act in favor of the Jewish people and the State of Israel;
- l) combats any anti-Zionist, anti-Semitic and racist form of activity;
- m) upholds the work of “*Keren Kaiemet*” and “*Keren Haiesod*”, the foundations of all Jewish People and all other central Zionist organizations;
- n) encourages the knowledge of Italian Judaism in Israel.

1.6 The Italian Zionist Federation is a no profit organization.

1.7 The SFI headquarters are in Milan (Italy).

Any transfer of the headquarters to another place is decided by the National Council.

2. Members of the FSI.

2.1 The FSI is composed of Zionist Groups and Affiliated Jewish Organizations.

2.2 Anyone who is of age and entitled to make “*Alià*” (immigrate) under the law of return, can belong to Zionist Groups.

2.3 Zionist Groups must be formed by at least ten members each and must be recognized by the FSI.

2.4 Membership in the FSI entails the payment of a membership fee to be paid to the Zionist Groups; the amount thereof will be determined by the Zionist Group’s Council.

2.5 The Zionist Groups and Affiliated Organizations are required to pay a contribution to the FSI for each member.

2.6 The amount of such contribution is established by the FSI's Council, in agreement with Affiliated Groups and Organizations.

2.7 Any Jewish organization that upholds Zionist ideals in its Articles of Association and in its works can be affiliated with the FSI.

2.8 The request for admission is reviewed and resolved by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Council.

3. FSI organizations.

3.1 The National Council

3.1.1 The National Council is constituted by delegates who represent the Zionist Groups and Affiliated Organizations.

3.1.2 The National Council approves the executive action and the financial statement of account and issues instructions regarding the FSI's general policy.

3.1.3 The National Council appoints the Italian delegates to the World Zionist Congress;

3.1.4 Each group or organization is entitled to be represented by one delegate for every thirty members, or fractions exceeding fifteen with at least one delegate for each Zionist Group, regardless of the number of its members.

- 3.1.5 The Council is validly constituted with the presence of the majority of those having rights. Unless otherwise provided, the Council takes resolutions with the simple majority of the delegates present.
- 3.1.6 The National Council meets at least once each year.
- 3.1.7 The Council meeting place is established by the Executive Committee.
- 3.1.8 The Council must be called by the Executive Committee with at least one month's prior notice. The items on the Agenda must be indicated in the notice of call. All members of a GSI or an OEA can participate as observers.
- 3.1.9 Each delegate has one voting right, provided that the organization to which he belongs is up-to-date with payments of the quotas. Proxies are permitted, but no delegate can have more than one.
- 3.1.10 Even persons who do not belong to the FSI can attend meetings at the decision of the Executive Committee.
- 3.1.11 An extraordinary meeting of the Council can be called in the following cases:
- regarding decisions taken by the Council at a previous meeting;
 - by the President for exceptionally urgent or serious reasons;
 - at the written request and motivation of the simple majority of the members of the Council.

3.2. *The Executive Committee*

- 3.2.1 The Executive Committee is composed of from three to seven members, appointed by the Council.
- 3.2.2 The Council appoints the President of the FSI and the Vice President from the Executive Committee members.
- 3.2.3 The mandate of the President and of the members of the Executive Committee has a four year duration or, in any case, a duration for the period that elapses between two World Congresses. The Council can revoke the mandate of one or more Executive Committee members, with the absolute majority of Council members.
- 3.2.4 The President cannot hold such position for more than two consecutive legislatures.
- 3.2.5 The Executive Committee directs the activities of the FSI and they collectively perform all functions that are not expressly reserved to other FSI organizations.
- 3.2.6 The Executive Committee meets whenever the President or the majority of its members deems it necessary. The Executive Committee meeting is validly constituted with the presence of the majority of its members. Resolutions are taken with the majority vote of those present. The minutes must be drawn-up in writing by the Chairman of the meeting and sent to the members of the National Council in the manner set forth by rules and regulations.

- 3.2.7 The Executive Committee implements the decisions of the National Council and of the world Zionist Congress.
- 3.2.8 The Executive Committee can appoint commissions composed of members of the FSI or of experts, in order to reach specific objectives.
- 3.2.9 The President presides over meetings and ensures that provisions of the Articles of Association and Council decisions are complied with, he presides over the election and he legally represents the FSI.
- 3.2.10 The Vice President assists the President in all of his functions. The Vice President substitutes him in the event of his absence or impediment.
- 3.2.11 In Council resolutions, in the event of a parity of votes, the vote of the President is equal to two votes.

3.3 *The Treasurer*

- 3.3.1 The Treasurer collects sums due to the FSI and makes payments. He keeps the accounting books, which must always be at the disposal of the President and of the Council for their control.
- 3.3.2 Bank withdrawals must be made with the co-signature of the Treasurer and of one of the members of the Executive Committee, from among those who have filed their signature.

3.4 *The Attorney of the FSI*

- 3.4.1 The Congress appoints the Attorney for the FSI, who has the task of protecting the FSI's interests in the arbitration procedures and court proceedings in which the FSI is involved.

4. The Board of “Probiviri” (Arbitration).

- 4.1 The Council appoints the Board of Arbitration, which is composed of three members, one of whom acts as President.
- 4.2 The Board of Arbitration handles all controversies that might arise from the application, performance and interpretation of these Articles of Association, as well as for requests for disciplinary measures against single members of the GS.
- 4.3 The Attorney of the FSI participates in proceedings before the Board.
- 4.4 The Board acts without formality but guarantees the adversary debate.
- 4.5 The Board must issue its decision within ninety days from its first meeting; such time limit can be extended not more than once, and only for specific reasons.
- 4.6 The decisions of the Board are final and become effective immediately. They can be appealed before the Court of the World Zionistic Organization.
- 4.7 As regards disciplinary measures, the Board can adopt the following remedies:
 - a) official reprimand;
 - b) suspension up to one year;
 - c) expulsion.

5. Termination of FSI membership.

The reasons for FSI membership termination are:

- a) resignation presented in writing;
- b) non payment of membership quotas for at least one year;
- c) exclusion for disciplinary reasons.

6. Amendments to the Articles of Association and final provisions.

- 6.1 Amendments to the Articles of Association must be approved by the Council with the majority of two-thirds of the members present.
- 6.2 For all that is not foreseen herein reference is made to that set forth in the rules and regulations and to that set forth in the WZO regulations.
- 6.3 In the event of dissolution, the assets of the FSI shall be distributed in equal amounts to the K.K.L. and to the K.H.