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Baku Religious Community of
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RULES

Registration of voters for participation in the election of delegates and selection of delegates to the 39th World Zionist Congress

Chapter 1. General Provisions

Baku Religious Community of European Jews (Federation) is a member of the World Zionist Organization. It carries out its activities according to the universally recognized principles and norms of international law, international agreements, and the Charter of the World Zionist Organization and the Charter of the Federation.

1.1. The present Rules on the election of delegates to the 39th Zionist Congress of the World Zionist Organization (hereinafter - the Rules) are developed based on the Rules of the election of delegates to the Zionist Congress, approved by the Presidium of the General Council and the Zionist Executive Committee of 22.03.1976 with subsequent amendments and additions, and establishes the procedure for nominating candidates and their registration, election systems, forms, methods of voting, counting the results of elections, as well as the procedure for appeal.

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

Chapter 2: Bodies Preparing for Elections

2.1 The Board of the Baku Religious Community of European Jews shall assume the functions of the Area Election Committee (AEC) to properly implement the provisions related to organizing the preparation and holding of congressional elections.

2.2 The quantitative composition of the Area Election Committee corresponds to the number of members of the Management Board who are members thereof.

Chapter 3: Electoral Rights

3.1. Every person eligible 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 until July 1, in the year of the opening of the Congress, who resides in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

3.2. Every person eligible to vote in the Congressional elections must be registered in the Voter Register compiled by the Regulations adopted by the Central Election Board. Only a person registered in the Register of Voters may vote in a Congressional election.

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Chapter 4. Nomination of candidates

4.1 Elections shall be held in a single electoral Area constituting the whole territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

4.2 Nomination of candidates to the Congress delegates from public associations, religious Jewish associations, and organizations registered by the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan is carried out by the charters of these organizations.

4.3 Lists of persons applying for participation as a candidate for Congress delegates submitted by organizations and personal nominations shall include the following data of candidates: name of the organization (for organizations), surname, first name, patronymic, date of birth, registration (residence) address.

Lists and personal nominations of citizens are submitted to the Board not later than 1 month before the elections with the attachment of statements of candidates about their consent to participate in the elections as follows:

"I hereby declare that I

(surname, first name, patronymic) agree to be

nominated in the elections to the Zionist Congress on the list

in the electoral Area of the Azerbaijan Republic.

Date, signature

4.4 A person applying for participation as a candidate to the Congress delegates must pay a registration fee of AZN 100.

4.5 Candidates are not 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;

- inciting racism or discrimination based on origin, nationality, race, gender or sexual orientation;

- supporting the armed struggle of a hostile state or terrorist organization against the State of Israel.

4.6 Lists of organizations that are 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 eligible to vote in congressional elections appearing on the Voters' Register.

4.7 Signatories must give their full names and addresses and indicate their affiliation with an organization if they wish to do so.

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

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

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

Chapter 5. Date of elections

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

5.2 The election of delegates to the Congress shall be held no later than one month after the method of election has been determined and no later than 3 months before the opening of the Congress.

Chapter 6. Method of voting and counting of election results.

6.1. Voting on the lists and personal nominees submitted by the organizations shall be done by the members of the Federation by open or secret ballot. Each member of the Federation is entitled to only one vote.

6.2 The counting of votes shall be carried out by a counting commission established by the Management Board.

6.2 Decisions regarding members of a counting commission by the Management Board shall be valid if more than half of the Management Board members are present. Decisions shall be adopted by simple majority vote of present members. In case of tie votes in open voting, the decision supported by the Chairman of the Management Board shall be adopted.

6.4 The candidate who receives the greatest number of votes of the members of the Federation who took part in the voting shall be deemed elected. When voting on one candidate, a candidate shall be deemed elected if he/she has received more than half of the votes of the members of the Federation who took part in the voting.

6.5 The results of the voting election shall be documented in the voting protocol, which shall indicate the number of votes cast for each candidate, the number of votes cast against the candidate; the exact number of members of the Federation who participated 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 only one slate of candidates or personal nomination of citizens meeting the requirements of these Rules has been filed for balloting during the filing period for candidate lists or personal nominations, no vote shall be taken and the appropriate number of candidates shall be declared by the Board to be elected delegates and the number of candidates following on the list to be their alternate delegates.

Chapter 8 Appeal. Filing an appeal

8.1 Authorized representatives of candidate lists or personal nominations of citizens to run as candidates that have been accepted or rejected by the Board or at least one-fourth of the number of voters required to file a candidate list or personal nomination to run as a candidate may file a complaint with the WZO Lawyer regarding any instruction issued by the Board or its interpretation of the Election Rules.

8.2 Notwithstanding a complaint to the WZO Lawyer, the election procedure shall continue unless the WZO Lawyer, as the case may be, decides to suspend it on the ground that irreparable harm would otherwise be caused to the complainant.

8.3 Election appeals shall be filed in writing, in seven copies, within 21 days from the date of publication of the election results, with the

Secretariat of the Supreme Zionist Court. A copy of the appeal shall at the same time be submitted to the Board for response.

8.4 Each appeal shall be signed by the authorized representatives of candidates or personal nominations of citizens to run as candidates for the list or to run as a candidate that has been accepted or rejected by the Board, or by at least one-fourth of the number of voters required to file candidates or personal nominations to run as candidates.

8.5 Each appeal shall include a statement of the facts upon 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:

- facts were revealed during the conduct or election that could have influenced the results of the election, the number of votes, or the allocation of seats;

- the distribution of seats was illegal.

8.7 If an appeal has been filed concerning the allocation of seats or the determination of the remaining votes, the Board may, by the appeal itself, correct the results of the election.

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

Chapter 9 Voter Registration Rules for Voting

9. 1 Any Jew who will be eighteen years of age on June 1, 2025, who is a citizen of Azerbaijan or a legal permanent resident of Azerbaijan, who maintains his or her principal place of residence in Azerbaijan, who did not vote in the November 2022 Knesset elections and will not vote in any future Knesset elections that may be held before July 28, 2025, is eligible to vote in the Azerbaijani Zionist elections for delegates to the 39th World Zionist Congress to be held in Israel in October 2025.

9.2 In-person registration is required for all voters. Registration will be available online and at the Synagogue of European Jews in Baku. The registration form must include the following information: full name [first name, last name, and middle initial (optional)], Azerbaijani mailing address, apartment number (if available), city, zip code, email address (if available), preferred phone number (mobile or home) and a statement confirming that the registrant:

(a) Is Jewish and does not adhere to any other religion and considers himself or herself exclusively Jewish

(b) Will be 18 years of age by June 1, 2025

(c) Accepts the Jerusalem Program (to be specified)

(d) Is a citizen of Azerbaijan or a legal permanent resident of Azerbaijan

(e) Maintains his/her principal place of residence in Azerbaijan

(g) Did not vote in the November 2022 Knesset elections and will not vote in future Knesset elections, which may be held before July 28, 2025.

(h) This is the first and only time the registrant has registered to vote in the 2025 election for the 39th World Zionist Congress.

9.3 All registrations and ballots must be individualized. Each voter must personally attest and certify that the voter meets the requirements to vote.

9.4 Voters will vote once for the list of their choice

9.5. Voters may vote only once.

10. REGISTRATION

10.1 The Central Register of Voters shall be established by the Baku Religious Community of European Jews (Azerbaijan Zionist Federation) and shall be considered the register of the Azerbaijan Zionist Federation as defined in the CCA Constitution and as specified in the CCA Rules for the Election of Delegates.

10.2 To be considered an eligible voter, all required information must be provided. If any information is found to be invalid, the registrant's vote will be canceled

10.3 Those who have registered must provide a legal address of residence in Azerbaijan. A post office box will be accepted as a mailing address if a physical home address is also provided.

10.4 The voter registration fee is 2.00 AzN (Azerbaijani manat). Up to three members of the same household at the same address can use the same method of payment.

10.5. Registration forms, voter information, and instructions will be available in English, Russian and Azeri. Voter names will appear on the ballot paper in Azeri for all voters.

10.6 An individual voter with a registration complaint will be allowed to complain to the Area election company. If the election company is unable to resolve the problem within 7 days of receiving notification of the problem, the complaint will be presented to the Area Election Committee (AEC) Chair promptly.

10.7 An organization with a complaint about the registration process or election practices must file a complaint with the AEC Chair.

10.8 Upon receipt of the complaint, the AEC Chairperson shall resolve the matter promptly; either by filing the complaint with the AEC; or by referring it to the appropriate WZO institute

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11. QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS

11.1 Voters should vote for lists and not for individual candidates.

11.2 The maximum number of delegates that can be elected in Azerbaijan is 1. In addition, 2 alternates may participate in the Congress. Each list may include a maximum of 3 names, which represents the total number of delegates and alternates from Azerbaijan. Delegates and alternates are determined by position on the list. A resignation is required to eliminate a candidate before moving on to the next person on the list. The listed order of candidates must comply with the requirements set out in section 4.3. and below.

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