

# CONSTITUTION

## THE ZIONIST FEDERATION OF THE UK AND IRELAND

### NAME

1. The name of the Federation shall be:  
"THE ZIONIST FEDERATION OF THE UK AND IRELAND" (hereinafter called 'the Federation')

### AIMS AND TASKS

2. The Federation shall promote in Great Britain and Ireland the aims of the World Zionist Organisation adopted at the World Zionist Congress in 2004, namely:-

Zionism, the national liberation movement of the Jewish people, brought about the establishment of the State of Israel, and views a Jewish Zionist, democratic and secure State of Israel to be the expression of the common responsibility of the Jewish people for its continuity and future.

The foundations of Zionism are:

- i) The unity of the Jewish people, its bond to its historic homeland Eretz Yisrael, and the centrality of the State of Israel and Jerusalem, its capital, in the life of the nation.
- ii) Aliyah to Israel from all countries and the effective integration of all immigrants into Israeli Society.
- iii) Strengthening Israel as a Jewish, Zionist and democratic state and shaping it as an exemplary society with a unique moral and spiritual character, marked by mutual respect of the multi-faceted Jewish people, rooted in the vision of the prophets, striving for peace and contributing to the betterment of the world.
- iv) Ensuring the future and the distinctiveness of the Jewish people by furthering Jewish, Hebrew and Zionist education, fostering spiritual and cultural values and teaching Hebrew as the national language.
- v) Nurturing mutual Jewish responsibility, defending the rights of Jews as individuals and as a nation, representing the national Zionist interests of the Jewish people, and struggling against all manifestations of anti-Semitism.
- vi) Settling the country as an expression of practical Zionism.

The tasks of the Federation shall include the sponsorship of adult Hebrew education, the promotion of tourism to Israel and Aliyah, assistance to British olim in Israel, encouragement of economic activities and fundraising in support of Israel, and public relations work in Great Britain and Ireland.

3. The Federation, as a constituent of the World Zionist Organisation, shall carry on its work in accordance with the Rules adopted and the Resolutions passed from

time to time by the World Zionist Congress, and shall be the medium of communication between its constituent bodies and the World Zionist Organisation.

4. The Federation shall endeavour to cooperate with other bodies in the furtherance of the above objectives.

### MEMBERSHIP

5. The Federation shall consist of Constituent Bodies, Affiliated Organisations, Associated Organisations, Non-Membership Organisations and Direct Annual Subscribers.

6. TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Constituent Bodies

A Constituent Body shall be a Zionist Society or an Association, Group, Organisation or other Society in Great Britain or Ireland whose main function is to carry out activities which support the aims and tasks of the Federation and which is not a Non-Membership Organisation.

- (b) Affiliated Organisations

An Affiliated Organisation shall be an Association, Group, Organisation or Society in Great Britain or Ireland which supports the aims and tasks of the Federation, but has other main functions and is not a Non-Membership Organisation.

- (c) Associated Organisations

An Associated Organisation shall be a Synagogue, Association, Group, Organisation or Society in Great Britain or Ireland which supports Israel and the work of the Federation and other Jewish activities but which by virtue of its Constitution or Charitable Status is precluded from being a Constituent Body or an Affiliated Organisation and is not a Non-Membership Organisation.

- (d) Non-Membership Organisations

A Non-Membership Organisation shall be an Organisation which supports the aims and tasks of the Federation but does not have members or does not receive annual subscriptions from its members. This category may include "Friends of Israel" groups, grassroots groups or more formal organisations within the Zionist community. A Non-Membership Organisation may be accepted as a member of the Federation in accordance with Article 7 but will not be entitled to elect or participate in elections of delegates to Congresses of the World Zionist Organisation by virtue of its membership of the Federation.

- (e) Direct Annual Subscribers

Direct Annual Subscribers are individuals who are persons resident in Great Britain or Ireland who support the aims and task of the Federation and who are approved in accordance with Clause 8.

- (f) Subsidiaries

A Subsidiary of any Constituent Body, Affiliated or Associated Organisation in Great Britain or Ireland shall not be entitled to become a member of the Federation in its own right unless it shall have been a Subsidiary for not less than 2 years and the number of registered paid up members of the Subsidiary are excluded from the calculation of the registered paid up members of its Parent Body.

7. Application for Admission to Membership other than by Direct Annual Subscribers

- (a) Each application shall be made in writing to the Executive Director, signed by the President or Chairman and the Treasurer or Secretary of the Applicant and shall be accompanied by a certified copy of its Constitution, the latest set of audited accounts and a brief statement of the Applicant's aims and envisaged programmes together with (except in the case of a Non-Membership Organisation) a Certificate duly signed by its auditors certifying the number of its members or such other evidence of the number of its members as the National Council considers acceptable having regard to the recommendation of the Constitution Committee.
- (b) The application shall be referred expeditiously by the Executive Director to the Constitution Committee, which after consideration of the same shall submit the application together with the Committee's recommendation to the National Council within three months of the Application first being submitted to the Committee.
- (c) [omitted]
- (d) Upon the National Council approving the application for membership the Executive Director shall inform the Applicant of such decision and the amount of the subscription to be paid in accordance with sub-paragraph (e) hereof. Upon payment of such subscription, the Applicant shall become a member of the Federation.
- (e) The subscription to be paid under sub-paragraph (d) hereof shall be a proportionate part of the full year's anticipated subscription (based on the Applicant's number of members previously provided or, in the case of a Non-Membership Organisation, the amount determined under Article 9(bb)) from the date of approval by the National Council to the expiration of the calendar year in which such approval is made.

8. Direct Annual Subscribers

To become a Direct Annual Subscriber the subscriber shall first submit to the Executive Director a duly completed form of application (which shall contain an affirmation of the aims and tasks of the Federation) together with the minimum then current annual subscription fee for a Direct Annual Subscriber as determined by the National Council together with such further information as the Executive Director may reasonably require. The Application for membership shall be determined by the Executive Director with a right of appeal from a refusal to the National Council.

9.

Dues

- (a) Constituent Bodies and Affiliated Organisations shall pay as dues such annual sum or sums as the National Council shall from time to time specify at the recommendation of the Financial Control Committee (see Article 33).
- (b) Dues of Constituent bodies and Affiliated Organisations shall be payable by the 15 January in respect of that immediately forthcoming calendar year. The amount of such dues shall be calculated by reference to their membership on 1 October in the foregoing year.
- (bb) Annual dues of each Non-Membership Organisation shall be determined by the National Council having regard to the recommendation of Executive Director and payable on the 15 January in respect of the immediately forthcoming year. In the absence of any decision, the amount shall be the same in each year as previously determined.
- (c) Unless Conference shall otherwise decide, dues, once assessed by the National Council, shall not be varied within a period of twelve calendar months thereafter.
- (d) The Executive Director of the Federation shall send a notice of default to members who have failed to pay their dues by the 1st day of March in each year save that no such notice shall be sent where satisfactory explanation has been given for the failure to pay dues or such dues have been waived.
- (e) The Principal Honorary Officers Committee shall have powers to waive or reduce dues on application in writing of any member. Any such waiver or reduction of dues shall be subject to such reduction in the number of voting delegates to which the member is entitled to vote at the Biennial and/or Mid-Term and/or Special Meetings of Conference as may be determined by the Principal Honorary Officers Committee
- (f) The Executive Director shall notify the National Council of all cases where dues remain unpaid by a member without satisfactory explanation three months after delivery of notice of default.
- (g) The National Council shall have power to suspend from membership or expel any member in default of payment of dues for a period in excess of six months or for breach of any clause in this Constitution or for any conduct deemed by the National Council to be contrary to the aims and interests of the Federation.
- (h) No such suspension or expulsion shall occur without prior notice in writing having been given to the member in default.

10.

List of Members

- (a) The Secretary of each Member other than a Direct Annual Subscriber or a Non-Membership Organisation shall, by not later than 1 October of each

year, send to the office of the Federation a Certificate signed by its auditors certifying the number of the members of such Body or Organisation or such other evidence of the number of its members as the National Council has considered acceptable having regard to the recommendation of the Constitution Committee.

(b) The list or Certificate shall relate to those members who are members of such Body or Organisation at the expiration of the Financial Year of such Body or Organisation (or such later date as the Body or Organisation shall determine) immediately preceding the relevant first October in each year and who in the case of a Constituent Body or an Affiliated or Associated Organisation shall have paid the fee required by that Body or Organisation by the relevant date.

(c) Any body or organisation of 500 or less members may provide a certificate signed by its Chairman or President and any body or organisation of over 500 members may provide a certificate signed by its auditors in either case as to the exact number of its membership and such certificate shall be accepted in place of the list of members referred to in sub-clauses (a) and (b) but all other provisions of sub-clauses (a) and (b) shall remain in full force and effect.

11. Failure to pay Dues

Any Member including a Direct Annual Subscriber, which or who has not paid its or his dues under Article 9 shall lose its or his rights of representation at the Biennial Meeting, Mid-term Meeting or Special meeting of the Conference unless the National Council shall for good cause otherwise decide.

12. Accounts of Constituents

Each Constituent Body or Affiliated or Non-Membership Organisation shall annually provide the Federation with a brief report of its year's work.

13. Biennial Conference and Mid-Term Conference

The Control of the Federation shall be vested in a Biennial Conference which shall consist of delegates from Members including Direct Annual Subscribers who join the Federation at least 3 months before the Meeting of the Conference together with the members of the Principal Honorary Officers Committee and the National Council elected at the previous Biennial Meeting of the Conference, and the Honorary Vice-Presidents appointed pursuant to Article 30(c). In the intervening year there shall be a Mid-Term Conference for the passing of the accounts and dealing with such other business (if any) as the National Council shall decide.

14. Delegates

The delegates to the Biennial Conference shall be elected upon the following basis:-

(a) Zionist Societies, Constituent Bodies and Affiliated Organisations

Each Zionist Society, Constituent Body or Affiliated Organisation

numbering 10-50 registered paying members shall be entitled to one delegate; each Society, Body or Organisation with a registered paying membership larger than 50 shall be entitled to elect delegates as follows:-

51 - 100 Members.....2 delegates  
101 - 150 Members.....3 delegates  
151 - 200 Members.....4 delegates

and one more delegate for each additional 50 members.

- (b) Associated Organisations  
If an Associated Organisation has 10 to 50 registered paying members it shall be entitled to one delegate. It shall further be entitled to one additional delegate for every additional 50 registered paying members, but it shall not be entitled to more than 4 delegates.
- (c) Zionist Central Councils and Non-Membership organisations  
Subject to a Zionist Central Council or Non-Membership Organisation paying such fees as shall be determined from time to time by the National Council it shall be entitled to two delegates.
- (d) Direct Annual Subscribers  
Shall be deemed to be individual delegates to the Biennial Conference with full rights to vote and participate.

15. Return of Delegates

- (a) Not less than four weeks before the holding of the Meeting of the Biennial Conference the Secretary of each of the Constituent Bodies, Zionist Central Councils and Affiliated, Associated and Non-Membership Organisations shall give notice to the Executive Director of the Federation of the names and addresses of its delegates to the Conference, and shall certify on a prescribed form, to be issued by the Federation, that every member taking part in the election of delegates, as well as the delegates themselves, is a fully paid-up member of such Constituent Body, or Affiliated or Associated Organisation, or is an active participant in such Non-Membership Organisation, as the case may be.
- (b) Constituent Bodies, Zionist Central Councils and Affiliated, Associated and Non-Membership Organisations having returned the names of delegates to the Biennial Conference shall be entitled, up to two weeks prior to the Conference, to submit to the Constitution Committee for its assent any changes in the composition of their delegation to the Conference, in the event of an elected delegate finding it impossible to attend Conference.

16. Place of Conference

The meetings of the Biennial Conference of the Federation shall be held in the Greater London area provided that in special circumstances the National Council may decide by a two-thirds majority on a motion for which 14 days' notice has been

given to all members of the National Council to hold any conference in Israel or any other centre in the United Kingdom or Ireland.

17. Biennial Meeting of Conference

- (a) The Biennial Conference shall be held at such time as may be determined by the National Council but in any event not more than two years and three months after the preceding Biennial Conference.
- (b) Not less than 8 weeks notice of the holding of the Biennial Meeting of Conference shall be given to the Members by email unless otherwise arranged.
- (c) Written notice of resolutions intended for the Agenda of the Meeting shall be sent to the office of the Federation not less than four weeks before the date of the Meeting for submission to the National Council.
- (d) Copies of such Resolutions received shall be sent to the Secretary of each Member not less than 2 weeks prior to the Meeting by email unless otherwise arranged.
- (e) The Agenda of the Biennial Meeting of the Conference shall be determined by the National Council. Copies of the Agenda shall be sent to each delegate and the Secretary of each Member not less than 2 weeks prior to the Meeting by email unless otherwise arranged, and copies of the Annual Accounts made available to each delegate on request.
- (f) Nominations for the election to take place at the Biennial Meeting of Conference shall be sent in writing to the office of the Federation not less than four weeks before the date of the Meeting. The National Council shall have power to make nominations not less than two weeks before the Biennial Meeting of the Conference.
- (g) The Biennial Conference shall appoint for the ensuing year an Auditor or a firm of Auditors.
- (h) The annual accounts of the Federation shall be approved by the Biennial Meeting.

18. Mid-Term Meeting of Conference

- (a) The Mid-Term Meeting of the Conference shall be held at such times as may be determined by the National Council, but not sooner than eleven months after the last preceding Biennial Conference.
- (b) Not less than eight weeks' notice of the holding of the Mid-Term Conference shall be given to the members.
- (c) Not less than two weeks before the Meeting, invitations to attend the Mid-Term Conference, together with copies of the Agenda and copies of the annual accounts, shall be sent to all delegates to the previous Biennial

Conference, and to such other persons with such rights other than voting rights as the National Council shall determine.

- (d) The Mid-Term Conference shall appoint for the ensuing year an Auditor or a firm of auditors.
- (e) The annual accounts of the Federation shall be approved by the Mid-Term Conference.
- (f) A Constituent Body, Zionist Central Council or Affiliated, Associated or Non-Membership Organisation which shall have joined the Federation since the last preceding Biennial Conference but at least three months before a Mid-Term Conference shall be entitled to delegate representation at such Mid-Term Conference on the same numerical basis and with the like rights and obligations as if it had become a member of the Federation at least three months before the last preceding Biennial Conference.

19. Special Meetings of Conference

- (a) The National Council shall have power to convene a Special Meeting of the Conference whenever it may deem it necessary.
- (b) A Special Meeting of the Conference shall be convened by the National Council on receipt of a requisition signed by not less than 20 elected delegates to the last Biennial Conference. The requisition shall state the object of the proposed meeting and shall be held within 30 days of the receipt of the requisition.
- (c) Not less than 14 days' notice shall be given for the holding of a Special Meeting of the Conference. The National Council may by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a duly convened meeting decide to convene a Special Meeting of the Conference at short notice.
- (d) At the Special Meeting of the Conference only the business stated on the notice shall be taken. The Special Meeting of the Conference shall consist of the duly elected delegates to the last Biennial Conference, and such other persons with such rights other than voting rights as the National Council shall determine, together with members of the Principal Honorary Officers Committee and members of the National Council elected by that Conference, and the Honorary Vice-Presidents appointed pursuant to Clause 30(c).

20. Quorum

At all meetings of the Conference, whether Biennial, Mid-Term or Special, 20 delegates shall constitute a quorum.

21. Fraternal Delegates

- (a) The United Jewish Israel Appeal shall be entitled to send two Fraternal Delegates to meetings of the Conference.

- (b) In addition the National Council may invite other bodies to appoint Fraternal Delegates. Fraternal Delegates shall have the right to participate in Meetings of the Conference but without the right to vote.

22. Credentials and Procedure

The Constitution Committee shall approve the nominations to office and of delegates to the Biennial Meeting of the Conference in accordance with the Constitution.

23. The Constitution Committee shall be available to meet immediately before and during the Conference to deal with matters of procedure and any complaints submitted to it by delegates to the Conference.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

24. (a) The administration of the Federation shall be vested in a National Council consisting of the Principal Honorary Officers Committee (see Article 32(b), ten Vice-Presidents, of whom six shall be ordinarily resident in the Greater London area, and four shall be ordinarily resident in the Provinces or in Ireland, together with 30 members elected at the Biennial Conference, of whom 20 shall be ordinarily resident in the Greater London area and 10 shall be ordinarily resident in the Provinces or in Ireland.

An attendance of not less than 10 members of the National Council with the right to vote shall constitute a quorum.

- (b) The United Jewish Israel Appeal shall be entitled to appoint one representative to the National Council, without the right to vote.
- (c) Constituent Bodies, Affiliated Organisations and Non-Membership Organisations shall each be entitled to one representative with the right to vote.
- (d) The responsibilities of the National Council shall include approval of the annual budget; recommendations in respect of Zionist Federation policy to be submitted to Conference for approval; the appointment of the Chairman of each of the committees from among members of the National Council (and, if necessary, to replace them); to approve reports and recommendations of committees; to approve applications for membership; to ensure full compliance with the terms and conditions of this Constitution; and to deal with such other relevant matters as may arise from time to time.
- (e) The National Council, acting on the advice of the Constitution Committee, may enact, amend and repeal, by a majority of two-thirds of members of the National Council present and voting, Standing Orders for the conduct of meetings of the Conference, National Council and Committees of the Federation. Provided always that Standing Orders for the conduct of the Conference shall be subject to ratification by the Conference.

25.

Election of the National Council

- (a) Up to two Presidents, the Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, ten Vice Presidents and 30 members of the National Council shall be elected for a period of two years at the Biennial Conference.
- (b) Any person nominated for election to the National Council or to any committee of the Federation shall confirm his acceptance in writing and sign a declaration to the effect that he re-affirms his commitment to the Jerusalem Programme, will uphold the Constitution of the Zionist Federation, will work for the good of the Zionist Federation as a whole and agrees to present an united image of the Zionist Federation to the community, and that he is a fully paid-up member of a Constituent Body, Affiliated or Associated Organisation, or of the Federation, or an active participant in a Non-Membership Organisation, as the case may be.
- (c) The National Council, by a two-thirds majority, can dismiss any member for non-compliance with the sub-clause (b) above.
- (d) The National Council may, with the approval of not less than two-thirds of its members with voting rights present and voting at a duly convened meeting of the Council, co-opt from among members of the Federation additional persons to be members of the National Council with the right to vote. The number of co-opted members shall not exceed six.

26.

The Honorary Vice-Presidents appointed pursuant to Article 30(c) shall be invited to meetings of the National Council in a consultative capacity without the right to vote.

27.

Additional Representatives on the National Council

Attendance at meetings of the National Council shall be extended to:

- (a) The Shlichim responsible for departments of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organisation in an advisory capacity;
- (b) The Honorary Secretary of every Constituent Body, Affiliated Organisation and Non-Membership Organisation who shall attend as an observer and may participate in discussion but shall have no right to vote;
- (c) Such other persons as the National Council shall from time to time determine, but without any right to vote.

28.

National Council Vacancies

- (a) The National Council shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in its membership.
- (b) If any member of the National Council ordinarily resident in the Greater London area shall absent himself from three consecutive meetings for

reasons other than illness or through circumstances outside his control, the National Council may declare the position vacant, and after having duly notified the member proceed to fill the vacancy.

29. Meetings of the National Council

- (a) The National Council shall meet on not less than six separate monthly occasions in each year. Additional or special meetings may be called by the Principal Honorary Officers' Committee at any time.
- (b) The notice convening meetings of the National Council shall be sent not less than seven days before the holding of such meeting and shall state the business for which such meeting has been convened.
- (c) The Chairman, or in his absence a Vice-Chairman, shall preside at meetings of the National Council. In their absence another member of the Principal Honorary Officers' Committee, by consent of those present, shall preside.

30. First Meeting of the National Council

- (a) A meeting of the National Council shall be held within 28 days of the Biennial Meeting of the Conference.
- (b) The first meeting of the National Council following the Biennial Meeting of the Conference shall be attended only by the elected members of the Principal Honorary Officers Committee and the National Council.
- (c) The meeting shall elect on nomination by the Principal Honorary Officers' Committee up to 5 Honorary Vice Presidents (preferably from past Chairmen of the Federation).
- (d) The meeting shall by secret ballot elect 5 members of the Financial Control Committee (see Article 33) who shall be nominated by members entitled to vote at the National Council.
- (e) The meeting shall be invited to submit nominations:
  - (i) for the Chairmanship of each of the Committees, in accordance with Article 35, and
  - (ii) for not more than nine members of each of the Committees of the Federation as specified in Article 34.

31. Special Meeting of the National Council

Upon a requisition signed by not less than ten members of the National Council the Chairman shall summon a special meeting to be held within seven days of its receipt. The requisition shall state the purpose for holding such meeting. The subject of the requisition shall be the first item on the agenda of the special meeting.

## COMMITTEES

### 32. Principal Honorary Officers Committee

- (a) The current business of the Federation, including the implementation of the decisions of the National Council, shall be conducted by the Principal Honorary Officers Committee (Hanhala). Meetings of the Hanhala shall be convened by the Chairman or by the Executive Director on his behalf, giving not less than 7 days' notice, unless circumstances require shorter notice.
- (b) The Principal Honorary Officers Committee shall consist of the Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Assistant Honorary Secretary. Additional members of the Hanhala may be co-opted by a two-thirds majority of the elected members.
- (c) The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio member without the right to vote.
- (d) A written report of meetings of the Principal Honorary Officers shall be submitted to each meeting of the National Council.
- (e) At a meeting of the Principal Honorary Officers Committee four members shall constitute a Quorum.
- (f) The Hanhala may appoint sub-committees and may delegate any of its functions to a sub-committee.
- (g) [omitted]

### 33. Financial Control Committee

- (a) The Financial Control Committee shall consist of the members of the Principal Honorary Officers Committee together with not more than five members elected by the National Council.
- (b) The Financial Control Committee shall, at each of its meetings, review the cost effectiveness of the Federation in accordance with guidelines which it shall draw up and amend from time to time as required for the approval of the National Council.
- (c) The Financial Control Committee shall:
  - (i) by the 15th day of November in each year assess the amount of dues to be paid for the following calendar year by Constituent Bodies, Affiliated Organisations and Direct Annual Subscribers for the determination by the National Council in accordance with Article 9 (a)
  - (ii) be responsible for the collection of dues.
- (d) The Financial Control Committee shall within two months of the end of

each financial year consider the annual accounts and submit the same for the consideration of the National Council. As soon as practicable thereafter the accounts shall be forwarded to the Auditor.

34. Other Committees

The National Council shall from time to time set up such other Committees as may be deemed necessary and wind-up those which are deemed obsolete.

35. Proceedings of Committees

- (a) The appointment of the Chairmen of the Committees shall be made by the National Council for a period ending with the next Biennial Conference. A person who has held the office of Chairman of a Committee of the Federation for a period of six consecutive years shall be ineligible for appointment to the Chairmanship of that Committee for the following two years.
- (b) Each of the Committees may co-opt not more than five additional members.
- (c) Each Committee shall meet at least every two months.
- (d) The Chairman of each Committee shall submit a report to the Principal Honorary Officers Committee every three months and additionally on request in writing of any member of the Principal Honorary Officers Committee.
- (e) Each Committee shall make a quarterly report to the National Council on its activities. At the request of the Chairman of the Federation a Committee shall report more frequently.
- (f) The National Council shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of a Committee.
- (g) If any member of a Committee ordinarily resident in the Greater London area shall absent himself from three consecutive meetings for reasons other than illness or through circumstances outside his control, the National Council may declare the position vacant, and after having duly notified the member proceed to fill the vacancy.
- (h) At all meetings of the Committee three members shall constitute a quorum.
- (i) The Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the Zionist Federation shall be ex-officio Members of every committee.

36. Zionist Central Councils

- (a) Constituents of the Federation may, with the approval of the National Council, form Zionist Central Councils which may include representatives of other Zionist and general Jewish bodies in their respective cities.
- (b) The National Council recognises that the Zionist Central Councils may act

in such local matters as it may determine from time to time.

### FINANCE

37. The Financial year of the Federation shall commence on 1 January.

38. The power of voting shall be vested in the National Council.

39. Borrowing Powers

- (a) The National Council shall have the power to borrow money for any purpose that it regards as necessary and on such terms as may be agreed as to rate of interest and the method of repayment.
- (b) The National Council shall have the power to effect in such name or names as may be thought fit any Policy or Policies of Life Assurance whether endowment or otherwise or Sinking Fund or other Policy or Policies which may be required by way of collateral or further security or otherwise for the purpose of any such loan as may be received pursuant to paragraph (a) hereof.
- (c) The receipt of the Trustees of the Federation shall be a good discharge for the monies borrowed.

### OFFICIALS

40. (a) The appointment of senior officials of the Federation shall be made by the Principal Honorary Officers Committee subject to ratification by the National Council.

- (b) All Persons directly employed by and drawing their remuneration from the Zionist Federation shall not be eligible to serve as Honorary Officers, members of the National Council, or as delegates to a Meeting of the Conference.

### INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

41. The Tribunal

- (a) A Tribunal (hereinafter called "the Tribunal") shall be established in accordance with this Clause to hear and determine the following matters:
  - (i) the interpretation of the Constitution and the legality of decisions of the bodies of the Federation, on a request by the Hanhala or the Federation's Attorney;
  - (ii) disputes between the Federation and other Zionist organisations (including its members) or between Zionist organisations in the UK or Ireland;

- (iii) disputes between the Federation and individual Zionists in matters connected with Zionist work or arising out of membership of the Federation or a Zionist organisation;
- (iv) matters relating to elections of the Federation;
- (v) acts allegedly infringing the Constitution or damaging the interests or prestige of the Federation which have been brought by the Federation's Attorney before the Tribunal by reason of their public Zionist importance.

The decisions of the Tribunal shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal unless the parties agree that the decision is appealable to the Zionist Supreme Court.

- (b) The Tribunal shall be composed of a President and four other members. Members of the National Council and employees of the Federation shall be ineligible. Before taking office, every member of the Tribunal shall make a declaration pledging to carry out his functions without bias and to the best of his knowledge and conscience. The declaration of the President of the Tribunal shall be made to the Chairman of the Federation and that of the other members of the Tribunal to the President of the Tribunal.
- (c) The President of the Tribunal shall be elected by the Biennial Conference on a proposal of the Hanhala. The other members of the Tribunal shall be appointed by a Nominations Committee comprising the President of the Tribunal (who shall chair it), two members elected by the National Council, one member appointed by the President and one member appointed by the Federation's Attorney.
- (d) The Federation's Attorney shall be elected by the Biennial Conference on a proposal of the Hanhala.
- (e) The Tribunal will normally sit in a panel of three members determined by the President of the Tribunal, but may sit in a panel with a different number of members at the President's discretion. If the President is unable to discharge his functions, the most senior member of the Tribunal (in terms of continuous appointment as a member of the Tribunal) shall take his place. The President of the Tribunal shall establish its Rules of Procedure subject to the approval of the National Council.

#### AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

42. The Constitution may be amended only at a meeting of the Conference by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the delegates with the right to vote and provided that not less than 30 such delegates record their votes and that the provisions of Articles 17, 18, and 19 shall have been duly observed.

43. Definitions

For the purposes of this Constitution and the Clauses herein contained the expressions:-

- (a) Member or Members shall be deemed to include Constituent Bodies, Affiliated Organisations, Associated Organisations, Non-Membership Organisations and Subsidiaries.
- (b) Greater London Area shall mean the area bounded by the M25 Motorway.
- (c) “Auditor” shall mean a person who is registered and supervised as an auditor by a Recognised Supervisory Body under the Companies Act 2006.
- (d) The Executive Director shall be deemed to include such person or persons as the National Council shall appoint for the purposes of carrying out the duties of the Executive Director.
- (e) “Hanhala” means the Principal Honorary Officers Committee.
- (f) Where the context so admits or requires, references to the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.