THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION AND THE REGULATIONS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

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CHAPTER ONE

NAME – PROGRAM – FORM OF ORGANIZATION

Article 1

Name

The name of the Organization shall be "The World Zionist Organization".

Article 2

Section 1

The Zionist Program – The Jerusalem Program

The Zionist Program was defined by the First Zionist Congress in Basle as follows:
"The aim of Zionism is to create for the Jewish people a home in Eretz Israel secured by public law."

Section 2

The Jerusalem Program of 2004, as defined by the XXXIV/3 Zionist General Council, is as follows:

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:

1. 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;
2. Aliyah from all countries and the effective integration of all immigrants into Israeli Society.
3. 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 for the multi-faceted Jewish people, rooted in the vision of the prophets, striving for peace and contributing to the betterment of the world.
4. 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;

5. 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;

6. Settling the country as an expression of practical Zionism.

Article 2A

*Amended **June** 2012, **October** 2019*

The Nature of Zionism

Zionism is a movement which adheres to the basic principles of justice, equality and democracy and which rejects discrimination based on origin, nationality, race, gender or sexual orientation. Zionism is committed to the State of Israel's landmark document, the Israel Declaration of Independence and to the State of Israel's fundamental values, as enshrined therein.

Article 3

*Amended **November** 2017*

Definitions

The provisions of this Constitution refer equally to members of both sexes and the use of the masculine form has been adopted solely for the purpose of convenience, and is not intended as prejudicial and/or to create any discrimination whatsoever.

The terms specified hereinafter shall have the meanings set forth beside them, if no other meaning is indicated by the provision itself or the context.

"*Congress*" – means the Zionist Congress;

"*Council*" – means the Zionist General Council or the Actions Committee;

"*Executive*" – means the Inner Executive of the World Zionist Organization as defined in Article 41, Section 1 herein below, unless stated specifically that the intention is the Outer Executive, as defined in Article 41, Section 2 herein below;

"*Member*" – means individual members joining the World Zionist Organization in accordance with the provisions of Article 5, Section 1 herein below; a Zionist Territorial Organization; a Zionist International Organization, in so far as all those are members of the World Zionist Organization;

"*Zionist International Organization*" – means a Zionist Jewish body operating on the territory of various countries, which has accepted the Jerusalem Program and each of their members have individually accepted the Jerusalem Program[1];

[1] The amendment to this definition in itself does not harm the status of the member organization in the World Zionist Organization on the eve of the acceptance of the amendment.

"*Zionist Federation*" – means a Zionist Territorial Organization consisting of Zionist bodies and individual Zionists; both the members of Zionist bodies and Zionists unaffiliated with such bodies, who are enrolled by the Federation as members, are individual members of the Zionist Federation and individual members of the World Zionist Organization.

"*Zionist World Union*" – means a Zionist organization which represents a special ideological point of view within the World Zionist Organization, which has branches in at least five countries and is represented by a Congress Grouping.

Article 4

The Status of the World Zionist Organization and its Members

Section 1

The World Zionist Organization is the central body authorized by its Members to act for and on behalf of the whole of the Movement and of all the Members in the implementation of the Zionist program.

Section 2

Every Member who is not an individual member, shall determine the conduct of its affairs, the form of its Organization and its procedures, which shall not be in contradiction with the provisions of this Constitution and its Regulations.

Section 3

Any Member who is not an individual member, may enter into an agreement with the Executive establishing special conditions and arrangements in matters relating to the Zionist activities of such Members. Such an agreement shall be binding upon both parties.

Article 5

*Amended **October** 2018, **April** 2023*

Membership

Section 1

Every Jew who has reached the age of eighteen and is willing to accept the Jerusalem Program and pay membership dues ("the Zionist Shekel") in an amount to be determined as stipulated in the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution, may be an individual member of the World Zionist Organization. Registration of membership shall be through affiliation to the Zionist Federation in his place of permanent residence and in accordance with the rules of said Federation, or through a local branch of a Zionist World Union or through a Zionist Territorial or Inter-Territorial Organization or directly to the World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem. An individual member who registers directly to the World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem, will

automatically be considered a member of the local Zionist Federation in his place of permanent residence.

Details regarding the manner of joining and registering individual members shall be determined in the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution.

Section 2

(a) Every Federation which accepts the Zionist Program (the Jerusalem Program) and whose Bylaws conform to all the provisions of this Constitution may be a Member of the World Zionist Organization, insofar as it is compliant with the conditions detailed below (Article 7). The admission of a new Zionist Federation as a Member shall be decided, upon the proposal of the Outer Executive, by the Council. The decision of the Council shall be valid, if adopted in the presence of the majority of its members entitled to vote by a two-thirds' majority of those voting. Only one Zionist Federation in each country shall be admitted as a Member.

(b) Whoever feels aggrieved by the said decision of the Council, may appeal to the Zionist Supreme Court.

(c) Everybody or individual affiliated with one of the Congress groupings (Article 7 (a)) must be a member of a Zionist Territorial Organization (the Federation of the said country) or be affiliated to it, in accordance with the Constitution of the Federation in the said country.

Section 3

Subject to the provision of Article 10, all Zionist Territorial Organizations and Zionist Territorial and Inter-Territorial Associations which at the time of coming into effect of this Constitution are affiliated with the World Zionist Organization shall be deemed to be Members thereof.

Section 4

(a) The Congress or, during the inter-Congress period, the Council, may, upon the proposal of the Outer Executive, decide to admit as Members of the World Zionist Organization, Zionist Territorial or Interterritorial Bodies, Jewish National or International bodies and lay down special conditions for their participation in the Congress, the Council and other bodies of the World Zionist Organization.

(aa) Compliance with the following conditions shall be a prerequisite for the proposal of the Outer Executive regarding the membership of a Zionist Body or of a Jewish National or International Body (hereinafter called "applicant"):

1. The request for membership must be submitted by the governing body which is empowered to do so according to the Constitution of the applicant.
2. The applicant shall undertake to discharge certain Zionist obligations.
3. Territorial branches of a Zionist Body and of a Jewish International Body applying for membership in the World Zionist Organization must join the Zionist Federation of the country concerned.
4. No representative of a Jewish International Body shall take part in elections to the governing bodies of the WZO nor vote on matters of candidature. Therefore, without prejudice to the generality of the aforesaid, such representatives may not take part in elections according to Article 14 (e)-(g) and Article 32 (1) (4). The provisions of this sub-section shall not apply to a Zionist body or an international Jewish body which has decided not to participate in elections to the Zionist Congress and its members have signed on the Zionist program (Jerusalem Program). Representatives of such bodies may vote on any matter in the institutions of the WZO. *Amended June 2009*
5. The representatives of Jewish International Bodies in the Congress, the Council and other bodies of the WZO, shall be personally Members of a Zionist Federation or of an Organization affiliated with the Zionist Council in Israel.

(ab) At least one quarter of the representatives of bodies affiliated to the Zionist Congress as defined in this Article, will be from the ranks of the young generation as defined in Article 23.

(ac) At least 40% of the members of the representatives to the Congress as defined in this Article shall be women. Such representation may overlap the representation of the young generation.

(b) Jewish National Bodies shall be affiliated with the World Zionist Organization by means of their admission as members of the Zionist Territorial Organization of the country in which they are operating, but Congress and, in the Inter-Congress period, Council, may, on the proposal of the Outer Executive decide to admit as Members of the World Zionist Organization Jewish National Bodies which are not affiliated with the Zionist Territorial Organization. Admission of a Jewish National Body as Member of the World Zionist Organization shall be proposed by the Outer Executive to Congress and, in the Inter-Congress period, Council, only after consultation with the Zionist Territorial Organization concerned.

(c) If a Jewish National Body has affiliated with a Zionist Territorial Organization, the provision of the latter's Constitution shall apply to the representation of the Jewish National Body in the Congress delegation from the country concerned.

(d) If a Zionist or Jewish National or International Body has been admitted as Member of the World Zionist Organization, in accordance with the provisions of lit. (a) and (b) of this Section, the Outer Executive shall determine its representation at Congress within the limits of the total number of delegates allocated by the Council to Zionist or Jewish National and International Bodies. The Outer Executive shall consult the Zionist Territorial Organization concerned before determining the representation of a Zionist or Jewish National Body.

In any case, the entire number of representatives of Zionist or Jewish National or International Bodies shall not exceed 30% of the delegates representing Factions in the Congress and in the Zionist General Council.

(e) Appeals against the decision of the Executive may be lodged with the Zionist Supreme Court by the Zionist or Jewish National Body, the Jewish International Body or the Zionist Territorial Organization concerned.

Section 5

The Council shall, upon the proposal of the Executive, fix the membership dues which every Member shall pay.

Article 6 *abrogated*

Article 7

*Amended **June** 2012, **November** 2017, **October** 2018, **October** 2019*

Zionist Federation

In order to be a Member of the World Zionist Organization, a Zionist Federation shall comply with the following requirements

(a) Admit as a member every Zionist body and individual who accepts the Constitution of the Federation and the program of the World Zionist Organization ("The Jerusalem Program"), unless in the opinion of the Federation there exists a weighty reason against such admission. A Federation is not entitled to refuse the admission of a body affiliated with a Zionist World Union.

(b) The number of individual members of any Federation that is a member of the World Zionist Organization shall be no less than 100.

(c) Admit as a member any territorial branch any international Zionist organization that is a member of the World Zionist Organizations, in accordance with conditions that shall be stipulated in its Bylaws.

(d) Act according to the basic principles of justice, equality and democracy, prevent the membership of bodies or individuals who adhere to or advocate discrimination based on origin, nationality, race, gender or sexual

orientation and conduct its affairs, having regard to the protection of the requirements of all members of the Federation.

(e) Hold at least once every three years a national convention and determine in its Constitution a method of electing delegates to the convention consistent with accepted democratic principles.

(f) Determine in its Constitution a method of electing its governing bodies consistent with accepted democratic principles. Whoever deems that the method of electing a Federation's governing bodies is not consistent with accepted democratic principles shall have the right of appeal thereon to the Zionist Supreme Court. A Zionist Federation may determine that elections to its management entities shall be held concurrently with elections for the Zionist Congress, in which case the composition of its management bodies shall be comprised in accordance with the election results for the Zionist Congress in said Area, as approved by the Zionist Supreme Court, and consistent with the provisions of Article 24A below.

(g) Ensure that there shall be one agreed representative from the Zionist youth movements active in that area on the Executive (Board of Management) of the Zionist Federation. Said representative shall have the right to vote.

(h) Invite at least one representative from all the Zionist youth movements operating in that area to participate at meetings of the Federation, without voting rights, unless the Federation should decide to grant said representative the right to vote.

(i) Set up a framework encompassing all Zionist youth movements, the Magshimim movements and members of organizations of the young generation organizations, as far as such frameworks are not already in existence, and admit these to the Federation as members.

(j) Establish local branches of the Federation wherever practicable.

(k) Ensure the right of any Zionist body which has been refused admission as a member or has been suspended from the membership, to appeal the decision before a Zionist Territorial Tribunal and from such Tribunal to the Zionist Supreme Court (Article 57, 58).

(l) To ensure that all assets in the Federation’s possession, whether in entirety or in part, shall be utilized in accordance with their set purpose and shall serve the Zionist Federation and its members for their ongoing activities. Details of verification of compliance with this condition shall be set down in the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution.

Article 7A

*Amended **November** 2017, **October** 2018*

The Status and Rights of the Zionist Federation

A Zionist Federation accepted as a member of the World Zionist Organization, and for as long as it complies with such conditions for recognition, as stipulated in Article 7 above, shall be the instrument in conjunction with whom the Executive shall carry out the tasks and duties imposed upon it by the provisions of this Constitution and the resolutions of the Congress and the General Council.

The Executive, the heads of its departments and its representatives must work in that region by means of and in partnership with the Zionist Federation or its authorized representatives, regarding their Zionist activities in that area:
Provided that a Federation may be resolution of its Executive Governing Body, forego the rights set out in this Article; and
Provided that the provisions of this article shall not affect the rights of any body affiliated to the Federation, in relation to any World Zionist Union to which it may belong.

Every Zionist Federation is obligated, once every five years, to receive the approval of the Outer Executive to the effect that it is compliant with the conditions for recognition and membership, as detailed in Article 7A above. The process of acquisition of a certificate of compliance with the conditions for recognition and membership shall be stipulated in the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution.

Article 8

Admission of Individuals as Members

Every Zionist Federation shall fix the form and manner of the admission as members of individual Zionists not being members of any Zionist body.

Article 9 *abrogated*

Article 9 A

Section 1

Women's Organizations

Women's Zionist Organizations shall be members of the Zionist Territorial Organization of the country concerned.

Section 2

Membership in the Zionist Territorial Organization is not obligatory for Women's Zionist Organizations affiliated with bodies which are members of Zionist Territorial Organizations.

Article 10

*Amended **November** 2017, **October** 2018*

Section 1

Information on fulfillment of the above requirements

The Executive may, at any time, require any Member that is not an individual member to furnish information to show that it has fulfilled the recognition requirements of membership in accordance with Articles 5, 7, 8, 9. If a Member does not furnish such information within the time fixed by the Executive, the Outer Executive may propose to the Zionist Supreme Court the suspension of the rights of such Member in the World Zionist Organization, its expulsion from the World Zionist Organization or such sanctions as it deems fit.

Section 2

Special Provisions in Relation to Zionist Federations

The Executive is entitled to demand, at any time, from any Zionist Federation, that it furnish information to the effect that it has fulfilled the conditions for recognition and membership, in compliance with the provisions of this Constitution, including but not limited to the matter of:

- Conduct of a democratic process of elections to its bodies, at least once in the inter-Congress period;
- Admission or rejection of admission of a Zionist body affiliated to one of the Congress groupings;
- Rejection of admission of an individual member who enrolled.

Section 3

Special Provisions in Relation to Enactment of Sanctions against Zionist Federations

In the event that a Zionist Federation has not complied with the conditions for recognition, in accordance with the provisions in Article 7 A above, or has not furnished said information within a reasonable period without justifiable cause, and / or has not corrected whatever required correction, as determined by the Executive - the Outer Executive, after affording the Zionist Federation the right to a hearing, in writing or verbally, before a Committee appointed by the Executive, comprised proportionally to the strength of the groupings and including representatives from the Diaspora, is entitled to propose to the Supreme Zionist Court: the suspension of said Zionist Federation in the World Zionist Organization, to expel it from the World Zionist Organization, or to impose another appropriate sanction upon it.

Article 11

Section 1

Deviations

The Council may, upon the proposal of the Outer Executive, decide, by a two-thirds' majority of its members entitled to vote, to admit as Member of the World Zionist Organization a Zionist Territorial Organization which has

recognized the Zionist Program as set out in Article 2, but has not fulfilled all the requirements indicated in the foregoing Article.

Section 2

Subject to the provisions of Article 7 A, in countries in which the Jewish population does not exceed 400,000 the Executive may initiate and pursue such Zionist activities as it deems necessary.

CHAPTER TWO

THE CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

I

THE ZIONIST CONGRESS

Article 12

The Status of the Congress

The Congress is the supreme organ of the World Zionist Organization. It may either be an Ordinary or an Extraordinary Congress.

Article 13

*Amended **June** 2012*

Intervals between Congress and Congress

An Ordinary Congress shall meet at least once in five years at a place and time determined by the Council. It shall be convened by the Executive.

Article 14

*Amended **June** 2011, **November** 2017*

Functions and Powers of the Congress

For the purpose of this Article the term "Institutions of the World Zionist Organization" means the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal and such other institutions and enterprises as will be recognized by the Executive as carrying out central tasks within the Zionist Movement.

The ordinary Congress shall *inter alia*-

(a) Receive and consider the report of the Executive, including a report on the activities of Institutions of the World Zionist Organization;

(b) Receive the report of the Comptroller;

(c) Receive and decide upon proposals brought before it;

(d) Determine the financial and budgetary policy and fix the budget for the year following the year in which the Congress is held;

(e) Elect the Chairman of the Executive, the Vice and Deputy Chairman of the Executive, members of the Inner and Outer Executive, members of the Council and their deputies;

(e1) Elect, subject to the provisions of Art. 27, section 2, the President of the Zionist Supreme Court, the Attorney of the World Zionist Organization and his/her Deputies, the Comptroller. A single individual shall not serve in more than one of the positions listed in this Article;

Article 15

*Amended **November** 2017*

Delegation of Powers

Subject to the provisions of Article 64, the Congress may delegate any of its powers to the Council or to its Presidium or the Outer Executive, or the Executive, as it may deem fit.

Article 16

*Amended **November** 2017*

Postponement of Congress

A postponement of the Congress shall not be decided upon, except by way of an Emergency Regulation under Article 63 of the Constitution.

Article 17

*Amended **November** 2017*

Section 1

Numbers of Congress Delegates

The number of delegates to Congress, apart from those elected on World Election Lists and those participating in the Congress in accordance with Article 26, Section 4 and Article 5, Section 4 (4) and 5, shall not exceed 500.

Section 2

The Council may resolve, not later than one year before Congress meets, to increase this number by not more than five percent.

Section 3

The number of delegates to Congress, as stated in Section 1 or Section 2, shall be allocated in the following proportion: Israel 38%, United States of America 29%, other countries of the Diaspora 33%.

Section 4

Should the number of delegates be greater than 500, as a result of an increase of delegates elected by World Lists and/or as a result of a resolution of the

Zionist General Council to increase the number by 5%, all in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 above, the number of delegates representing Zionist bodies, shall be increased in the same proportion, as long as the number of these delegates does not exceed 30% of the total number of delegates to the Congress.

The system for the distribution shall be determined in the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution.

Article 18

*Amended **October** 2018*

Fixing Number of Delegates from each Electoral area

The Council shall set up, two years before Congress meets, a Committee to determine the number of delegates for each Electoral Area, with the exception of the Electoral Areas of Israel and the United States of America. Zionists in the Diaspora shall be suitably represented on this Committee. Appeals against the decision of the Committee may be lodged with the Zionist Supreme Court.

Where delegates have been allocated to new electoral areas that were previously unrepresented and/or where the Zionist Supreme Court has ruled on the allocation of additional delegates, the number of delegates to the Congress from Israel and the USA shall be adjusted under the provisions of Article 17, Section 1 or 2 above, to restore the ratio of delegates to Congress, as stipulated in Article 17, Section 3.

Article 19

*Amended **June** 2009 and by decision of the Zionist Supreme Court, **January** 4, 2010*

Section 1

Election Method

The delegates shall be elected in each electoral area (country) in accordance with a method consistent with generally accepted democratic principles.

Section 2 – abrogated by decision of the Zionist Supreme Court, January 4, 2010

~~Should the Area Election Committee determine by a majority of 75% that extenuating circumstances make the holding of elections unwise or impractical, it shall be represented at the Congress by a delegation of an identical constellation to the previous Congress, except for bodies that are no longer eligible. Those seats will be re-allocated in a fair manner by the Area Election Committee~~.

Section 3 - abrogated by decision of the Zionist Supreme Court, January 4, 2010

~~Should the AEC determine the suspension of elections for two consecutive Congresses, its decision must be approved by an 75% majority of the Central Elections Committee.~~

Article 20

Section 1

Area Election Committee

For the proper implementation of the provisions relating to Congress elections there shall be constituted an Area Election Committee. Its composition and other matters relating to elections shall be determined by Rules for the Election of Delegates to the Congress.

Section 2

In electoral areas (countries) in which a single Zionist Territorial Organization is operating, its Executive Committee or a body authorized by it may discharge the functions of the Area Election Committee.

Section 3

The Area Election Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the Congress elections in the area in respect of which it is constituted.

Section 4

The President of the Zionist Supreme Court shall establish, 18 months prior to the Congress, the Central Elections Committee, which shall be responsible for ensuring the membership campaign and the elections in every electoral area. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3 above, the Central Elections Committee is authorized to take any steps necessary for the proper running of elections where, due to an action or omission of the Zionist Federation or of the Area Election Committee, there exists a suspicion that elections will not take place.

Details will be set out in the Rules for the Election of Delegates to the Congress.

Article 21

*Amended **June** 2012*

Section 1

Congress Representation of Israel

No elections to Congress shall be held in the State of Israel. The Committee for Determining the Representation shall appoint the delegates in accordance with the relative strength of the Zionist parties in the last Knesset elected prior to the opening of the Congress. A party in the Knesset which adheres to or advocates discrimination based on origin, nationality, race, gender or sexual orientation, shall not be represented at Congress.

Section 2

Details shall be laid down in the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution.

Article 22

Section 1

Right to Vote and Eligibility for Election

Every Jew who has reached the age of eighteen years and who is a member of a body affiliated to the World Zionist Organization (Article 3) shall be entitled to vote in elections to Congress.

The Election Rules (Article 20) may lay down that membership in such body for a certain period prior to the opening of Congress is a pre- condition of the right to vote.

Section 2

Save as otherwise provided for in this Constitution, every person entitled to vote in elections to Congress who has reached the age of eighteen years shall be eligible for election as delegate to Congress.

Section 3

*Amended **November** 2017*

Notwithstanding what is stated in Article 22(2) of the Constitution, the Comptroller, employees of the World Zionist Organization, Jewish National Fund, United Israel Appeal – Keren Hayesod, employees of the Jewish Agency, employees of the companies and corporations owned by the bodies mentioned in this section as well as any persons holding any interest in the aforesaid bodies and senior employees of the Zionist Federations, may not be elected as delegates or deputies to the Congress unless they cease being employed by the bodies mentioned in this section at least 100 days before the opening of the Congress.

Article 23

*Amended **June** 2011, **April** 2023*

(a) Despite that written in Articles 19, 21 and 22 above, in each list of candidates to the Congress there will be, amongst each 4 candidates, at least one candidate from the young generation.

In terms of this Constitution, the term "young generation" means any Jew who is a member of a body affiliated with the World Zionist Organization (Article 3) and has reached the age of 18 and not passed the age of 35.

(b) At least 40% of the members on each list of candidates to the Congress shall be women. Such representation may overlap the representation of the young generation.

Article 24

***Amended November** 2017*

Examination of Composition of Congress by the Zionist Supreme Court

The Zionist Supreme Court shall examine the conduct of elections in every area and shall be entitled to confirm, annul or vary the results thereof. The Court shall also examine the mode of appointment of the delegates representing international Zionist organizations (Article 5, Section 4) and the Zionist Council in Israel (Article 26, Section 4) and shall be entitled to confirm, annul or vary their representation. The decision of the Zionist Supreme Court shall be final and absolute.

Article 24 A

Composition of the Congress

The President of the Zionist Supreme Court will announce the composition of the Congress, both personal and by groups, parties and organizations, in accordance with Article 24 of the Constitution, at least 14 days prior to the opening of Congress (herein: "the set date").

Article 25

Section 1

Status of Congress Delegates

Every delegate to Congress shall be entitled to one vote only.

Section 2

The mandate of a Congress delegate shall be valid from the time that the Congress to which he has been elected is convened until the opening of the next Ordinary Congress.

Section 3

Every delegate to Congress shall enjoy freedom of action and voting.

Article 25 A

Congress Groupings

(1) At least 12 delegates present at the Congress may form a Congress Grouping;

(2) The Congress Grouping may be ideological or territorial or nonaligned;

(3) A Delegate may join any one of the Congress Groupings;

(4) All Congress Groupings shall have equal rights in accordance with their numerical strength;

(5) Details shall be laid down in the Standing Orders of the Congress.

Article 26

*Amended **November** 2017, **April** 2023*

Section 1

The composition of the Congress

The Executive, in consultation with the Presidium of the Council, may resolve to allow the participation of representatives of Jewish bodies or the heads of umbrella organizations of Jewish Communities, in an advisory capacity, in the plenary session and committees of Congress.

Section 2

The President of the Zionist Supreme Court, the Attorney of the World Zionist Organization, or, in their absence, the representative nominated by them from amongst their Deputies, and the Comptroller shall participate in Congress and in its committees in an advisory capacity.

(a) Chairmen of Zionist Federations, which are represented at Congress by 4 or more delegates and who were not themselves elected delegates shall participate in Congress and its committees in an advisory capacity.

(b) The Executive may invite an additional number of Chairmen of Zionist Federations, not exceeding five, to participate in Congress and its committees in an advisory capacity. "Chairmen" for the purpose of this section includes President and any other head or chief representative of a Zionist Federation.

[*Abrogation of existing Section 3*]

Section 4

(a) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (a) and (b) above, the Executive, with the approval of the Zionist General Council, may grant the Hadassah organization special status in the Congress, Zionist General Council and other institutions of the World Zionist Organization.

(b) (1) The Zionist Executive, with the consent of the Zionist General Council, may make an agreement with the Zionist Council in Israel, granting this body representation of 15 representatives, with voting rights in Congress, and five members at the Zionist General Council.

(2) The voting rights as mentioned in paragraph (1) above will be limited, and no representative of the Zionist Council in Israel will participate in elections to the institutions of the World Zionist Organization nor vote in matters of candidature. Therefore,

notwithstanding the above generalities, these representatives will not participate in elections according to Article 14 (e)-(g) and Article 32 Sections 1 and 4.

(3) Notwithstanding what is stated in this Constitution and its Regulations, representatives of the Zionist Council in Israel will not join any faction of Congress or of the Zionist General Council.

(4) The representatives of the Zionist Council in Israel will not be taken into account in the number of delegates to Congress, according to Article 17 of the Constitution.

(5) At least one quarter of the representatives of the Zionist Council in Israel to the Zionist Congress as defined in this Section, will be from the ranks of the young generation, as defined in Article 23.

(6) At least 40% of the representatives of the Zionist Council in Israel shall be women. Such representation may overlap the representation of the young generation.

Article 27

*Amended **November** 2017*

Section 1

Election to a particular Office

A person elected by Congress to serve in a particular office shall hold such office until termination of the next following Ordinary Congress, unless the Constitution or the Congress has stipulated otherwise.

Section 2

a. The Zionist Congress shall not elect any person who has been convicted in a final ruling in a Court of Law of any crime, which the Court has ruled to be of moral turpitude, or where less than seven years have elapsed since the completion of serving his/her sentence.
b. The appointment shall be immediately terminated of any person elected by the Congress to serve in such a position, who has been has been convicted for any crime which the Court has ruled to be of moral turpitude.

Article 28

Standing Orders of Congress

The procedure of the Congress, including its convocation, shall be determined by Standing Orders decided upon by Congress or by the Council or any other body to whom Congress has delegated authority for such purpose.

Article 29

*Amended **November** 2017*

Section 1

Extraordinary Congress

The Council or the Executive, by a majority of 75% of its members, may convene an Extraordinary Congress on grounds of extraordinary circumstances. The delegates participating in the last Ordinary Congress, or those who have replaced them in accordance with this Constitution (or the Regulations there under), shall be the delegates to the Extraordinary Congress.

Section 2

The Extraordinary Congress shall deal solely and only with the issue for which it is convened by the Council or the Executive.

Section 3

The Standing Orders of the Ordinary Congress shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the Extraordinary Congress.

II

THE ZIONIST GENERAL COUNCIL

Article 30A

*Amended **November** 2017*

Section 1

Competence of the Council and its functions

Save for those matters within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Congress, the Council shall in inter-Congress periods consider and decide upon all matters relating to the World Zionist Organization and its institutions.

The Zionist General Council shall deliberate and determine the policy of the World Zionist Organization on matters and subjects on the agenda of the Jewish people and shall dialogue with representatives of Israeli society and Jewish communities around the world.

Section 2

(a) The Council shall, upon proposal of the Executive, either itself or through a committee established by it for that purpose in terms of Article 31 (The Permanent Budget and Finance Committee) decide upon all budgetary and financial matters, provided such decision be not inconsistent with the decisions of Congress; *(Amended November 2013)*

(b) No budget or financial expenditure shall be approved which is not consistent with the principles instructed by the Congress, or the Zionist General Council.

Article 30 B

Groupings of the Zionist General Council

(1) At least 3 members of the General Council with voting rights may form a grouping;

(2) The provisions of Art. 25 A on Congress Groupings shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to Groupings of the General Council.

Article 31

*Amended **November** 2017*

Section 1

Delegation of Powers

Save for those matters in which this Constitution or the Congress has prohibited delegation, the Council may delegate any of its powers to any organ or body it deems fit.

Section 2

Such powers shall be delegated solely to a committee composed on the basis of the relative strength of groupings in the Council.

Article 32

*Amended **November** 2017, **April** 2023*

Section 1

Composition of the Council

The Congress shall elect the members of the Council entitled to vote in accordance with the relative strength of the groupings in Congress.

Every Congress grouping shall be represented on the Council by a number of members equal to one-fifth of the total number of delegates of the respective groupings.

A remainder of at least 3 as a result of such division entitles a grouping to an additional member of the Council.

One quarter of the members from each of the Zionist Congress groupings will be from among the young generation, as defined in Article 23 above.

At least 40% of the members of every faction in the Zionist General Council and their alternates shall be women. Such representation may overlap the representation of the young generation.

Section 1 A

(a) Chairmen of Zionist Federation of countries which were represented at the foregoing Congress by 3 or more delegates shall participate in the sessions of the General Council with voting rights in all matters excepting those of candidature and elections to office in the WZO (Article 5, Section 4 (aa) (4) of the Constitution).

(b) The above provision shall not apply to the Chairman of the Federation who was elected by Congress as a member of the Zionist General Council, representing a Grouping. Such chairman may resign from membership of the Council for one session or for the whole term of office and so be replaced by a deputy in accordance with the provisions of Article 32, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution. In such case however, such chairman may not represent his Federation in the General Council and the Federation shall remain unrepresented as long as he continued to head the Federation concerned.

(c) The Chairmen participating in the sessions of the Council as representatives of their Federations as stated in paragraph (a) shall not join any Groupings of the Zionist General Council.

Section 2

The Comptroller and officials of the World Zionist Organization, its National Funds and of the Jewish Agency for Israel, employees of subsidiary companies and corporations under the control of the entities mentioned in this Section, and any persons holding any interest in the aforesaid bodies, as well as senior officials of Zionist Federations, shall not be eligible for election as members or deputy-members of the Council.

Section 3

The following members shall be entitled to participate in the Council in an advisory capacity:

(a) Members of the Executive;

(b) One representative each of the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael and the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal;

(c) The President of the Zionist Supreme Court and the Attorney of the World Zionist Organization;

(d) The Comptroller;

(e) Zionist leaders, not to exceed 16, proposed by the President of the World Zionist Organization, the Chairman of the Executive and the Chairman of the Council jointly;

(f) Honorary Fellows who have been elected as such by the Zionist Congress or the Council. Their number shall be determined by the Executive jointly with the Presidium of the Zionist General Council;

(g) Former Chairmen of the Zionist General Council and former Chairmen of the Executive;

(h) The Chairmen of Zionist Federations whose countries were represented at the foregoing Congress by one or two delegates; "Chairmen" for the purpose of this lit. are elected Chairmen of Federations, and, if no Chairman was elected, persons elected to act in an identical capacity;

Section 4

Together with the election of members designated in Section 1, the Council shall elect a number of deputy-members equal to twice the number of members laid down in Section 1. One quarter of the deputy members of the Zionist General Council from each grouping will be from among the young generation as defined in Article 23 above. If a Council member does not intend taking part in a session of the Council for any reason whatsoever, the

group, acting through its duly authorized controlling body, shall appoint a deputy in his stead.

Section 5

Upon the resignation or inability of a Council member to act for any reason, the grouping or Organization or body which he represents shall designate a deputy-Council member from among those affiliated with them. Upon such designation, the deputy-Council member shall have the full rights of an ordinary Council member.

Section 6

"Representative": for the purpose of this Section, a member or deputy-member of the Council elected by Congress and affiliated with a grouping of the Council or with one of the international Zionist organizations or with the Zionist Council in Israel.

(a) If, in the intervals between Congresses, any grouping or organization intends to replace a representative, it shall apply to the Presidium of the Council for confirmation of the replacement. If the Presidium is satisfied that there is an important reason for the replacement, and after the representative whom the grouping or organization wishes to replace has been afforded proper opportunity to present his or her arguments before it, it shall grant the application. The representative proposed as replacement shall be resident in the same region (Art. 17, sec. 3) as the person replaced, unless the Presidium decides for important reasons, with a two-thirds' majority, to permit an exemption from this rule.

(b) Upon confirmation of the replacement, the new member or deputy member shall have the full rights of the person replaced. The new representative may not be replaced again in accordance with the provision of lit. (a).

(c) Details of the procedure shall be determined by Regulations to be enacted by the Presidium of the General Council.

Article 33

Status of Council Members, Elected to the Executive

Council members who, while being Council members, are elected to the Executive, shall cease to have voting rights in the Council and shall participate in it in an advisory capacity only.

Article 34

*Amended **February** 2015*

Dates of Sessions

The Council shall hold at least one session a year. The first session in any Congress period shall take place immediately after the Congress.

The Zionist General Council shall elect the Comptroller's Committee at its first session in any Congress period. The authority, functions and composition of the Comptroller's Committee shall be laid down in regulations.

Article 35

*Amended **November** 2017*

Section 1

Chairman of Council and Presidium of Council

The Council shall, at its first session in any Congress period, elect from among its members the Chairman of the Council and the Presidium of the Council. The Chairman of the Council shall *ex officio* be a member of the Presidium and shall act as Chairman of the Presidium. The provisions of Article 27 shall apply to the matter of the term of office of the Chair of the General Council. The composition and functions of the Presidium shall be determined by the Standing Orders of the Council (Article 38).

Section 2 *Amended February 2015*

If, during the inter-Congress period, the place of one of the members or deputy-members of the Presidium becomes vacant for any reason whatsoever, the World Union or Organization by virtue of which he or she was appointed and it has fallen vacant, shall apply to the Presidium of the Zionist General Council with a request to replace the member or deputy member of the Presidium. Such application shall include the resume of the proposed member or deputy member of the Presidium, together with a letter signed by him requesting appointment and an assumption of the responsibility incumbent upon a member or deputy member of the Presidium. The Presidium of the Zionist General Council shall be authorized to approve the substitution by regular majority. Upon approval of the replacement, the member or deputy member of the Presidium (respectively) shall assume his position immediately and shall hold the full rights and obligations of a member or deputy member of the Presidium by whose virtue he was appointed and a notice of the replacement in conjunction with the appointed member's resume shall be sent to all members of the Zionist General Council.

Section 3

The function of the Presidium is to run the sessions of the Council and to ensure its proper management and the fulfillment of the Council's functions and any other function placed upon it by the Council.

Article 36

*Amended **November** 2017*

Postponement of Session

The Presidium of the Council may, by a two-third's majority of its Members, after consultation with the Executive, decide to postpone a session of the Council by reason of the existence of special and extraordinary circumstances, and provided that the interval between two Sessions shall not exceed 24 months.

Article 37

*Amended **November** 2017*

Extraordinary Session

Upon the written proposal of at least one-third of the members of the Council entitled to vote, who shall belong to at least two different groupings, the Presidium of the Council shall convene an extraordinary session if the proposal has been submitted at least one month after the termination of the preceding session of the Council and indicates the agenda of the proposed session. The Presidium shall, within two weeks from the day of receipt of a proposal conforming to the foregoing conditions, fix the opening of the session for a date not later than four weeks after the consideration of the proposal. An extraordinary session that convenes as above, shall discuss solely the subject or subjects on the agenda for which purpose it was convened.

Article 38

Procedure of Council

The Council shall lay down its procedure in Standing Orders.

Article 38 A

Members of the Assembly of the Jewish Agency from the World Zionist Organization

Unless otherwise determined by Congress – or in inter-Congress periods by the General Council – the following shall be members of the Assembly of the Jewish Agency on behalf of the WZO:

(a) The members of the Executive;

(b) The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the KKL;

(c) The members of the General Council with voting rights or in their place those deputy-members who were empowered to deputize for a member in accordance with Art. 32, section 4, 7 and 8;

(d) Persons appointed by the Presidium of the General Council together with the Executive in so far as additional representatives on behalf of the WZO are required in order to attain the number laid down in the Constitution of the Jewish Agency.

As far as possible priority shall be given to the chairman of the Zionist Federations participating in accordance with Article 32, Section 1 A in the sessions of the Council.

III

THE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

Article 39

Section 1

Status of the President

The President of the World Zionist Organization (hereinafter referred to as "the President") shall be the head and chief representative of the World Zionist Organization. The President has the responsibility of fundraising for the World Zionist Organization. He shall have the full rights of an Executive member Organization. His term of office shall run from the time of his election to the termination of the next following Ordinary Congress.

Section 2

If during the inter-Congress period the President's position become vacant for any reason whatsoever, his place, until the election of a new President of Congress, shall be taken by the Chairman of the Executive.

IV

THE EXECUTIVE OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

Article 40

*Amended **June** 2011, **June** 2012, **November** 2017*

Section 1

Powers and Functions of Executive

The Executive shall be the executive organ of the World Zionist Organization, charged with the implementation of the decisions of Congress and Council, and shall be responsible to those bodies. It shall have the power to acquire rights and undertake obligations on behalf of the World Zionist Organization, and to represent it externally.

Section 1A

The Executive shall elect the representatives and/or directors on behalf of the World Zionist Organization in all the entities in which the World Zionist Organization is entitled to appoint representatives on its behalf, including directors and chairpersons of the Directorates in subsidiaries and related

companies, members of executive committees of non-profit organizations, and representatives in entities established under law.

Section 2

The Executive may delegate to one or more of its members or to officials of the World Zionist Organization or of its institutions authority to undertake financial or other obligations on behalf of the World Zionist Organization.

Section 3

The function of the Outer Executive is to discuss and approve the work programs and budgetary goals of the World Zionist Organization and to oversee the implementation of such policies by the Executive. The Outer Executive shall meet at least three times a year, in person or by electronic means, and receive and deliberate on the reports of the Executive.

Section 4

The Executive and the Outer Executive shall each determine for themselves the conduct of their affairs and in relation to the Executive only, in a way that allows the full partnership and participation of Members of the Executive from the Diaspora.

Section 5

Periodically, no less than once annually, the Executive will publish a report and account including all the resolutions adopted by the previous Zionist Congress, with details of the activities planned for the purpose of implementing each resolution, and details of the measures already taken for the purpose of implementing the resolution. The report will be submitted to the Zionist General Council and distributed to the Zionist Federations in the Diaspora, the representatives of all the unions, and organizations in Israel, that were represented at the previous Congress.

Article 40A

*Amended **June** 2011*

Sell of rights to asset

The Executive has the right to determine, in a decision that shall be adopted by a majority of two-thirds of its members, the assets in which the sale of rights requires joint approval by the Executive and the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance. The decision to sell rights to an asset, in relation to which the aforementioned decision is adopted, shall be approved by a majority of two thirds of the Members of the Executive, and also by a majority of two thirds of the Members of the Standing Committee for Budget and Finance.

Article 41

*Amended **November** 2017*

Section 1

Number of Members of Executive

The Congress shall elect an Executive, composed as follows:

a) The Chairman of the Executive, who shall also serve as Chairman of the Outer Executive;

b) The Deputy and Vice Chairman of the Executive, who shall also act as Deputy and acting Chairman of the Outer Executive;

c) Not more than 21 members from among the factions represented at Congress, amongst whom shall be those who will be responsible for the Departments;

d) One representative of each of the international Zionist organizations, in accordance with the conditions of their membership, who shall serve as members of the Executive without portfolio.

e) The World Chairman of Keren Hayesod[2] .

[*Abrogation of existing Section 1A*]

Section 2

Amended November 2008, June 2011, April 2023

(a) The Congress shall elect an Outer Executive which shall comprise:

(1) All the members of the Executive, as stated in Section 1, and in Section 1A above.

(2) No more than 24 additional members. Members and Deputy Members of the Council may be elected to the Outer Executive but not to the Executive. Election of members of the Outer Executive from this group, who are not Members of the Executive, shall be on the basis of the relative strength of the Congress factions in the last Zionist Congress.

(3) One representative from each territorial or inter-territorial Zionist organization represented in the Executive.

(b) The Outer Executive shall be constituted as follows:

(1) At least two-thirds of the members of the Outer Executive in the group defined under sub-paragraph (A) (2) above, shall be representatives from the Diaspora and shall include representatives of the Zionist Federations.

(2) At least one third of the members of the Outer Executive in the group defined under sub-paragraph (A) (2) above, shall be from amongst the young generation, as defined in Article 23 above and shall include representatives of the world youth movements and student organizations.

[2] The amendment will take effect at the XXXVIII Zionist Congress.

(3) Each and every member of the Outer Executive from the group defined under subparagraph (A) (3) above, shall be a representative from the Diaspora and/or a representative of the Young Generation, as defined in Article 23 above, excepting where the representative of a particular body to the Executive, under Article 41, Section 1 (d) is a representative of the Diaspora and/or a representative of the Young Generation as stated above..

(4) At least 40% of the members of the members of the Outer Executive in each of the groups specified in paragraphs (1)-(3) above shall be women.

Article 41 A

*Amended **November** 2017*

Notwithstanding any provisions of this Constitution to the contrary, in any instance in which (a) an individual has been put forward by a World Union, Faction or International Organization, for election to the Outer Executive, the Inner Executive, the Zionist General Council or its Presidium or any of its committees, the Jewish Agency for Israel Board of Governors or its Executive, or to the Directorate of Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, or to any other elected position within the National Institutions, and (b) such individual has entered into a written agreement that he or she will resign from that position when officially requested to do so by vote of the Executive of that World Union, Faction or International Organization, such agreement and resignation shall be recognized by the World Zionist Organization. In any such instance, the position shall be filled in accordance with the constitutional provisions for filling vacancies in the affected position(s).

Article 42

*Amended **November** 2017*

Seat of Executive

The seat and head office of the Executive shall be in Jerusalem.

Article 43

*Amended **November** 2017*

Section 1

Filling of Vacancies

If, in the interval between one Congress and another, the position of Chairman of the Executive is vacated for any reason, the Zionist General Council shall, in its next session, elect a new Chairman from among the members of the Executive. Until his election, the position of Chairman shall be filled by the Deputy/Vice Chairman, unless the Executive elects another member of the

Executive by a vote of the majority of its members to fill the position of Chairman until the next session of the Council.

Section 2

Amended February 2015

If, during the inter-Congress period, the place of one of the members of the Executive becomes vacant for any reason whatsoever, the World Union or Organization by virtue of which he or she was appointed and it has fallen vacant, shall apply to the Presidium of the Zionist General Council with a request to replace the member of the Executive. Such application shall include the resume of the proposed Executive member together with a letter signed by him requesting appointment and an assumption of the responsibility incumbent upon a member of the Executive. The Presidium of the Zionist General Council shall be authorized to approve the substitution by regular majority. Upon approval of the replacement, the member of the Executive shall assume his position immediately and shall hold the full rights and obligations of a member of the Executive by whose virtue he was appointed and a notice of the replacement in conjunction with the appointed member's resume shall be sent to all members of the Zionist General Council.

Article 44

Reports

The Executive shall submit to Council at least one month before any session of the Council a report of its activities. In addition to such report it shall submit annually an additional report of its activities.

Article 45

Signing of Contracts and Documents

The Executive shall decide on the manner of signing contracts, written obligations and other documents binding the World Zionist Organization.

V

QUORUM AT MEETINGS AND VOTING

Article 45 A

Quorum at Meetings and Voting

Unless otherwise determined in this Constitution or in any other enactment of the World Zionist Organization, regarding one of its institutions or a specific type of deliberation or decision, at least one third of those members with voting rights must be present at the opening of a

session and during a vote of the Zionist Congress, the Zionist General Council, their Presidiums, their various committees, the Zionist Executive and in all other institutions, committees and bodies of the World Zionist Organization; provided that proper notice was given for any session or meeting as mentioned above.

Article 45 B

***Amended February** 2015*

The National Anthem

At every conference or official session of the World Zionist Organization taking place in Eretz Yisrael or the Diaspora, the Zionist national anthem of "Hatikvah" shall be sung.

VI

THE JUDICIAL BODIES

Article 46

Interpretation of Terms

In this part –

"Central Zionist Body" means the Congress, the Council, the Executive, an institution or body established by them to carry out any of their functions, the Keren Kayemeth in Jerusalem, the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal in Jerusalem and such other institutions and enterprises as will be recognized by the Executive for the purpose of this part;

"Zionist Body" means a central Zionist body, a Member of the World Zionist Organization and any organization, fund, corporate or non-corporate body affiliated to the World Zionist Organization.

Article 47

Section 1

Members of Court and their Number

The Zionist Supreme Court (herein "the Court") shall consist of not more than 30 judges, not including the President of the Zionist Supreme Court and including not more than five Deputy Presidents.

Section 2

Amended June 2011

The President of the WZO, the members of the Council entitled to vote, the members of the Executive, the Comptroller and the Deputy

Comptroller, the Attorney of the World Zionist Organization and his Deputies, the officials of the World Zionist Organization and the Central Zionist Bodies shall not be eligible for membership of the Court.

Article 48

Seat of the Court

Unless the Congress otherwise decides, the seat of the Court shall be in Jerusalem, but the Court may hold sessions in any place it deems fit.

Article 49

Powers of the Court

The Court shall be competent to hear and determine –

(A) As a Court Tribunal of First Instance

Section 1

(a) The interpretation of this Constitution;

(b) The legality of decisions of the Central Zionist Bodies, whether in connection with a dispute or upon the proposal of the Executive or the Attorney of the World Zionist Organization;

(c) Disputes between Zionist Bodies, where at least one party is the World Zionist Organization or a Central Zionist Body or where the parties to the dispute have their head offices in different countries;

(d) (d) Disputes except monetary disputes, between the World Zionist Organization or a Central Zionist Body and individual Zionists in matters connected with Zionist work or arising out of membership in a Zionist Body;

(e) Objections to decisions to postpone the Congress or to postpone a session of the Council (Articles 16 and 36);

(f) Matters relating to elections to the Zionist Congress (Article 24) and appeals against the determination of the number of delegates (Article 18) and against the appointment of Congress representatives of Jewish National and International Bodies (Article 5, Section 4 (b));

(g) Matters relative to acts allegedly infringing the Constitution or damaging the interests or prestige of the World Zionist Organization which have been brought before it by the Attorney of the World Zionist Organization for consideration, by reason of their public Zionist importance.

Section 2

In any matter referred to in (A), Sec. 1 (g) of this Article, the Court may make such order or impose such sanctions as it deems fit, provided that it takes due care that such order or such sanction shall not damage the interests of innocent bodies or individuals who may be affected by the decision.

(B) As a Court of Appeal

Appeals from judgments of a Territorial Zionist Tribunal as provided for in Article 58.

Article 50

Section 1

Composition of the Court

The Court shall sit as a bench of three or five judges, in accordance with the decision of the President of the Court or the Deputy President.

Section 2

The President of the Court or, in his absence, the Deputy-President, shall appoint the presiding judge and other judges in respect of each case.

Article 51

Finality of Judgments

The judgments of any bench of the Zionist Supreme Court shall be final and not subject to any appeal.

Article 52

Court Rules

The President of the Zionist Supreme Court, together with his Deputies, shall determine by Rules the procedures in the Court. The Rules and any amendment to the Rules are subject to the approval of the Zionist General Council.

Article 53

Attorney of the World Zionist Organization

The Congress shall elect the Attorney of the World Zionist Organization (hereinafter referred to as "*the Attorney*"). The Attorney shall represent the interests of the World Zionist Organization, including matters referred to in Article 49 (A) Sec. 1 (g) before the Court, and shall advise the Central Zionist Bodies in legal matters connected with this Constitution, the decisions of the Congress, the Council and the Executive, and with the

relations between the Central Zionist Bodies and between them and other Zionist Bodies or individual Zionists.

Article 54

*Amended **June** 2011*

Procedure of Election of President of Court and Attorney and deputies

The Congress shall elect, upon the proposal of the Congress Presidium, the President of the Court, the Attorney of the World Zionist Organization and Deputy Attorneys, the Comptroller and the Deputy Comptroller. The Congress shall not elect any individual for more than one of the positions listed above in this Article.

Article 54 A

Section 1

Procedure of Election of Court Judges

The three Deputy Presidents of the Court and the judges of the Court shall be appointed by the Committee for the Nomination of Judges of the Zionist Supreme Court (herein: "the Nomination Committee").

Section 2

The President of the Court shall serve as Chairman of the Nomination Committee.

Section 3

The Nominating Committee shall consist of eight members, excluding the Chairman.

Section 4

The Standing Committee of the Congress shall elect four members of the Nomination Committee, two of whom shall be foreign residents. The President of the Court and the Attorney of the WZO shall each appoint two members of the Nomination Committee, within one month from the date of their election (Article 14 (e) of the Constitution).

Section 5

Should the place of the Chairman of the Nomination Committee become vacant, the most senior Deputy President of the Court shall serve in his stead. Should the place of any other member of the Nomination Committee become vacant, the President of the Court or the Attorney, as the case may be, shall appoint a new member in his stead, or the Presidium of the Council shall appoint a new member in his stead, if the seat is vacated by a member who was appointed by the Standing Committee.

Section 6

A member of the Nomination Committee shall serve until a new member has been appointed by the appropriate person or body.

Article 55

*Amended **June** 2011*

Filling of Vacancies

If during the inter-Congress period the place of the President of the Court or the post of the Attorney or of one of his Deputies, the Comptroller, or the Deputy Comptroller, becomes vacant, the Council may elect another individual to the vacant position. However, an individual serving in any of the positions listed above may not be elected to the vacant position, unless he or she resigns from his/her position.

Article 56

Declaration made by Members of Zionist Supreme Court

Every member of the Court shall, each time after the election and before taking office, pledge himself by a declaration to carry out his functions without bias and to the best of his knowledge and conscience. The declaration of the President of the Court shall be received by the President of the WZO or, in his absence, by the Chairman of the Council. The declaration of the other members of the Court shall be received by the President of the Court.

Article 57

Section 1

Territorial Judicial Bodies

In this Article and Article 58 the term "Zionist Territorial Organization" includes an all-inclusive Zionist national body of another kind in countries where no Zionist Territorial Organization exists.

Section 2

In every country where a Zionist Territorial Organization exists, there shall be set up by constitution a judicial body (hereinafter referred to as "The Judicial Body"), having in respect of its area or jurisdiction the power to hear and determine the following matters:

(a) Interpretation of the Constitution of the Zionist Territorial Organization and legality of decisions of the bodies of the Zionist Territorial Organization, upon the proposal of the Executive of the Zionist Territorial Organization or its Attorney;

(b) Disputes between Zionist territorial and/or local bodies in the particular country;

(c) Disputes between Zionist territorial or local bodies and individual Zionists in matters connected with Zionist work or arising out of membership in a Zionist territorial or local body;

(d) Matters relating to elections of the National Convention of the Zionist Territorial Organization;

(e) Matters of such a kind as are dealt with in Art. 49 (A), Sec. 1 (g), *mutatis mutandis*, i.e., acts allegedly infringing the Constitution or damaging the interests or prestige of the Zionist Territorial Organization which have been brought, by reason of their public Zionist importance, before the Judicial Body by the Attorney of the Zionist Territorial Organization.

Section 3

The Judicial Body referred to in the preceding sub-sec. shall be constituted by –

(a) establishing a permanent Zionist Territorial Tribunal, or

(b) by making provision for hearing the matter by way of arbitration.

Section 4

A permanent Zionist Territorial Tribunal shall be elected by a properly convened National Convention on the Zionist Territorial Organization. The composition (except for the number of members), method of election, filling of vacancies, conduct of cases, declaration of members of the Tribunal, shall, *mutatis mutandis,* be as provided for in Articles 47, 52, 54, 54 A, 55, and 56.

Section 5

(a) The Judicial Body set up by way of arbitration (hereinafter referred to as "the Arbitration Tribunal") shall be constituted on the basis of each party to the dispute appointing from among the Zionists of the country one Arbitrator and the Arbitrators choosing a Chairman. The Arbitration Tribunal shall decide by majority of votes.

(b) Should, however, the Arbitration Tribunal consist of an even number of Arbitrators, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

Section 6

The procedure for the appointment of the Attorney of the Territorial Zionist Organization, his powers as well as the particulars for bringing into being the Arbitration Tribunal shall be set out in the Constitution of the Zionist Territorial Organization or in Regulations framed thereunder.

Article 58

Section 1

Appeals from Decisions of the Judicial Body

The decisions of the Judicial Body shall be appealable, provided the Constitution or Regulations thereunder of the Zionist Territorial Organization so stipulate or, in the absence of such stipulation, the parties agree that the decision is appealable.

Section 2

(a) The Appellate Tribunal from a Zionist Territorial Tribunal shall be the Zionist Supreme Court.

(b) The Appellate Tribunal from an Arbitration Tribunal shall be constituted by each party to the dispute appointing one member of the Tribunal. The Chairman of the Appellate Tribunal shall be appointed by the President of the Zionist Supreme Court, on the application of any party to the dispute. The provisions of Article 57, Sec. 5 shall apply to the manner in which decision is reached.

Section 3

The decision of the Appellate Tribunal shall be final.

Section 4

The precise procedures for the hearing of appeals as provided for in this Article shall be set out in the Constitution of the Zionist Territorial Organization or in Regulations framed thereunder.

VII

ACCOUNTING PERIOD

Article 59

Financial Year

The Financial Year of the World Zionist Organization shall be fixed by the Council.

VIII

THE COMPTROLLER

Article 60

Section 1

Status and Functions of Comptroller and Deputy-Comptroller

The Comptroller shall inspect the financial, economic, administrative, and organizational activities of the World Zionist Organization and its officers, companies and institutions of every kind, including those in which the World Zionist Organization holds at least 50% of the voting power or of the capital.

Section 2

The Executive shall submit to the Comptroller, not later than six months after the termination of the Financial Year of the World Zionist Organization, a report on the income and expenditure of the World Zionist Organization during that year and a balance sheet of its assets and liabilities. The Executive shall make available all the documents required by the Comptroller for his examination.

Section 3

The Congress or Council may elect a Deputy-Comptroller. In urgent cases the Presidium of the Council may elect a Deputy-Comptroller, subject to the approval of the Council at its next session.

Section 4

The term of office of the Comptroller shall be from the Congress which elected him to the termination of the following Ordinary Congress. If during the inter-Congress period the post of Comptroller falls vacant for any reason whatsoever, the Council shall elect a new Comptroller, and, pending his election, the functions of the Comptroller shall be carried out by the Deputy-Comptroller.

Section 5

The Comptroller shall present a report on the results of his inspection to the Congress and to the Council and, upon demand, to the Permanent Budget and Finance Committee established by the Council (Article 30, Sec. 3).

Section 6

The Comptroller and the Deputy-Comptroller shall be independent of the institution and bodies inspected by them and responsible only to the Congress and the Council.

Section 7

The Comptroller and the Deputy-Comptroller cannot be elected as delegates of the Congress and cannot be members of the Executive or members of the Council (except for membership in the Council under Art. 32, Sec. 3 (d) or members of the judicial bodies of the World Zionist Organization.

Section 8

The details of the powers and functions of the Comptroller and his Deputy, their modes of activity, working procedure and the obligations of the controlled bodies regarding the report shall be determined by special Statutes adopted by the Congress or the Council.

CHAPTER THREE

OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BODIES TO THE FUNDS

Article 60 A

Section 1

Obligations of the members of the Governing Bodies of the World Zionist Organization

Members of the governing bodies of the World Zionist Organization mentioned in Article 14 (e) of the Constitution are obliged to fulfill - their obligations towards the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, the UJA and the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael (hereinafter "the Funds") in the course of the whole Congress period.

Section 2

If a member of the governing bodies mentioned in Sec. 1 has not fulfilled his obligations towards the Funds, the Executive shall notify the Attorney of the World Zionist Organization in order to initiate steps before the Zionist Supreme Court, in accordance with Article 49 (A), Sec. 1 (g). The Executive is also entitled to suspend his membership of the body until the decision of the Attorney. The Executive shall immediately notify the Attorney of such suspension of membership. Details of procedure shall be determined in the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution.

CHAPTER FOUR

TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 61

Termination of Membership

Every member may withdraw from membership in the World Zionist Organization at the expiration of not less than six months after giving written advance notice to the Executive. The withdrawing Member is bound to fulfill all its monetary obligations towards the World Zionist Organization.

Article 62

Suspension of Membership Rights

If a Member has not paid the membership dues imposed on it under the provision of Article 5, Section 5, within the fixed time-limit, the Executive may, after warning, suspend all or any of its membership rights in the World Zionist Organization until the debt is paid.

CHAPTER FIVE

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Article 63

Section 1

Emergency Provision

If by reason of an unexpected and unusual situation it is necessary to deviate from any of the provisions of this Constitution or of any other law of the World Zionist Organization or from the decisions of the Congress or the Council, the Executive may, after hearing the opinion of the Attorney and the President of the Court, propose to the Presidium of the Council that in the particular case brought before it a deviation from the Constitution or from some other law of the World Zionist Organization or from the decisions of the Congress or the Council be permitted. The proposal of the Executive shall be accompanied by the opinion of the Attorney and the President of the Court. A decision of the Presidium of the Council permitting the deviation shall be valid, if passed in the presence of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Presidium by a two-thirds' majority of those present. If the voting is in writing or by telegraph, the decision shall be valid, if two-thirds of all the members of the Presidium take part in the voting and the decision is adopted by a two-thirds' majority of those voting.

Section 2

The Executive shall notify the members of the Council of the decision, while referring to this provision, and shall submit it for approval to the Council at its next session or, if a session of the Council does not take place before the convening of the Congress, to the Congress. Upon the refusal of the approval by the Council or the Congress the decision becomes void; but its voidance shall not affect the validity of any arrangements made in the meantime by virtue thereof.

CHAPTER SIX

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

Article 64

Section 1

Decisions on Amendment of the Constitution

The decisions to amend the Constitution shall be valid, if they have been adopted in the presence of the majority of the Congress delegates by a two-thirds' majority of those voting. The Congress may decide in the presence of the majority of the Congress delegates, by a majority of two-thirds of those voting to delegate its powers to amend the Constitution to the Council only. The Council must not delegate this power to another organ or body, unless the amendment becomes necessary for the implementation of a Resolution of Congress. In the case of a delegation to the Council its decisions shall be valid if it has been adopted in the presence of the majority of the members of the Council entitled to vote by a two-thirds' majority of the voting.

Section 2

The Congress or the Zionist General Council shall not deliberate on an amendment to the Constitution unless a formulated and reasoned proposal for the amendment was submitted to the Presidium of the General Council and its members and to the Zionist Federations at least 40 days before the date of the deliberation. The presenter of the proposal will forward such proposal to the Secretariat of the Zionist General Council 50 days prior. For special and exceptional reasons, the Executive may propose in the Congress or the General Council an amendment to the Constitution, even though the above provision was not complied with. In such case, the decision on the amendment shall be valid if it has been adopted in the presence of the majority of the Congress delegates or members of the General Council with voting rights, by a majority of 75 percent of those voting.

Section 3

A vote to amend the Constitution shall be held only at the Congress or at a session of the Zionist General Council and in no other manner.

CHAPTER SEVEN

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 65

Regulations

The Congress, the Council and the Executive shall be authorized to issue Regulations for the Implementation of this Constitution, in so far as such Regulations are required. The Regulations of the Executive are subject to the confirmation by the Council.

Article 66

Coming into Force of Constitution

The original version of this Constitution came into force in stages at various dates between its adoption by the Council on January 4th, 1960 and the close of the 25th Congress on January 11th, 1961.

The amendments came into force upon their adoption by Congress or the Council, as indicated for each amendment.

REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

Adopted on January 3rd, 1961, by the Committee set up in accordance with Resolution No. 10 of the General Council at its Session in December 1959 – January 1960 by virtue of Article 65 of the Constitution and as amended by:
The 27th Zionist Congress in June 1968 and the Zionist General Council at its Sessions in:
January 1967, July 1967, 1969, June-July 1971,
July 1976, June 1987, June 1991; The 36th Zionist Congress in June, 2010,
and the Zionist General Council at its Session in October 2018.

Regulation 1

Meaning of Terms

The terms contained in these Regulations shall have the same meaning as those contained in the *Constitution of the World Zionist Organization*, unless another intention is expressed in the Regulation or can be gathered from its context.

Regulation 1A

(Article 5, Section 1 of the Constitution)

*Amended **October** 2018*

Registration of individual membership

In accordance with above Article 5, Section 1, the following provisions shall apply in relation to registration of individual membership, where said provisions shall not have any deleterious impact on the modes of enrolment for members prevailing in any Zionist Federation in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution:

(a) A Zionist Federation shall stipulate and publicize regulations for the affiliation and registration of individuals, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and the present Regulation.

(b) A Zionist Federation shall prepare a membership registration form, which shall be published on the Federation's official website.

(c) It is compulsory that the enrolment form include an agreement signed by the applicant to become a member of the World Zionist Organization and the "Jerusalem Program". Similarly, the form shall include information essential to the identification of the applicant: given name, surname, date of birth, personal identity document in accordance with what is acceptable in that country, country of permanent residence and, insofar as online registration is concerned, details of personal banking identification.

(d) Payment of membership dues (the Zionist Shekel) is personal.

(e) Said form shall include information for the use of the applicant's personal details and said applicant's agreement to the usage that will be made of such information, compliant with the GDPR regulations, in any country where these may apply.

(f) The World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem shall upload an identical form on its website to that appearing on each Zionist Federation website.

(g) Anyone wishing to affiliate shall complete and sign the enrolment form of the Zionist Federation in his place of permanent residence or shall complete and sign the affiliation form via the website of the World Zionist Organization and shall pay the membership dues (Zionist Shekel). A person wishing to affiliate may also send the signed form with the payment order to the offices of the Zionist Federation or those of the World Zionist Organization.

(h) A Zionist Federation shall notify an enrolment applicant within 45 days from receipt of the application for affiliation whether said application has been accepted or rejected. In the instance of rejection of an application, said Federation is obligated to state reasons for the rejection. Should an applicant for enrolment not have received said notification, he shall be entitled to enroll via the World Zionist Organization website, stating that he has paid his membership dues but has not received a notification from said Zionist Federation in respect of his application.

(i) In the instance of a person registering via the World Zionist Organization website, said application shall be forwarded to the Zionist Federation in his place of permanent residence within a period of 30 days from the day of enrolment. If there is no objection by said Zionist Federation, those registering via the World Zionist Organization website automatically become members of said Federation, subject to the regulations stipulated in the Byelaws of said Zionist Federation (reasonable period of qualification, etc.). Said Federation shall decide upon the matter of such membership within 60 days of receipt of the request as forwarded. Any applicant penalized by a Zionist Federation's

decision to reject his application for membership in said Federation is entitled to appeal in that respect. Said appeal shall be deliberated at a specially constituted Committee established by the Executive, comprised relative to the strength of the groupings at the Zionist General Council. Said appellant is entitled to appear in person before the Committee or appoint a representative. The World Zionist Organization Attorney shall be invited to attend the Committee's discussion. The Committee's decision may be appealed to the Zionist Supreme Court.

(j) Every Zionist Federation is entitled to determine the amount of its membership dues (Zionist Shekel) for the inter-Congress period (a five year period) and shall publicize that information on its website. It is obligatory that the Zionist Federation shall determine the amount of its membership dues in the first instance within three months from the adoption of these Regulations by the Zionist General Council.

(k) The Executive shall set a uniform level of enrolment fee on a one-time basis to apply to those Zionist Federations that did not determine the amount of their membership dues under the above provision.

(l) The membership dues of a person who enrolled via the World Zionist Organization website shall be transferred to the Zionist Federation in his place of permanent residence.

(m) An individual wishing to affiliate is entitled to enroll at branches of the World Zionist Unions and Inter-territorial Jewish Organizations in any Zionist Federation, by means of signature upon the application form prepared by said Zionist Federation. *Mutatis mutandis*, payment of membership dues (the Zionist Shekel) shall be individual, as per the provision in sub-Section (d) above.

Regulation 1B

(Article 7, Section 1 (l) of the Constitution)

*Amended **October** 2018*

Immovable assets of Zionist Federations

(a) Within 6 months from the entry into force of this regulation, every Zionist Federation shall notify the Executive as to the immovable assets in its possession, whether in entirety or in part.

(b) Said inventory shall include details pertaining to the Zionist Federation's rights in respect of said asset (share in possession), location of said asset, size of asset, current usages of asset and any other vital detail pertaining to the identification of said asset and the usage thereof.

(c) Each Zionist Federation shall update the aforementioned inventory at least once every five years.

(d) The aforesaid notwithstanding, should a Zionist Federation wish to change the status of a specific asset, whether relative to the usage made thereof, or the property rights thereof, it shall notify the Executive thereof, within 30 days of occurrence of said event or of said decision in respect of said asset.

Regulation 1C

(Article 7A, para. 3 of the Constitution)

*Amended **October** 2018*

Compliance of Zionist Federations with Conditions of Recognition

(a) The Executive shall scrutinize whether every Zionist Federation that is a member of the World Zionist Organization has complied with the provisions stipulated in Article 5, Section 1 above of the Constitution, [and] with the Conditions for Recognition and membership stipulated in Article 7 of the Constitution (henceforth: "Conditions for Recognition").

(b) The Department holding responsibility for relations with Zionist Federations shall conduct the required scrutiny once every five years, or in the instance of a complaint being received in respect of improper conduct of a Zionist Federation.

(c) The findings of the scrutiny shall be forwarded to said Zionist Federation's Board of Management and to members of the Outer Executive.

(d) A Zionist Federation that, according to the findings of the scrutiny, is not compliant with the Conditions for Recognition is entitled to correct whatever requires amendment within six months from the delivery date of the results of said verification.

(e) The Executive shall issue a certificate of proper management to every Zionist Federation compliant with the Conditions for Recognition.

(f) The Executive is entitled to recommend to the Outer Executive that it take action under the provisions of said Article 10 of the Constitution in respect of any Zionist Federation that has not been compliant with the Conditions for Recognition and does not hold a certificate of compliance with the Conditions for Recognition.

Regulation 2
(Article 18 of the Constitution)
*Amended **October** 2018, **October** 2019*

Committee for Determining the Number of Delegates to Congress

(a) The Committee will be constituted according to the strength of the groupings at the Congress held prior to the formation of such Committee. The Committee will begin its work no later than one month from the date of its constitution, and will continue its work continuously until it is concluded.

(b) The Committee will determine the number of delegates of all electoral areas, except Israel and the United States of America. The basis of the calculation shall be the maximum number of delegates to Congress as fixed by Article 17, sub-section 1, of the Constitution, in accordance with the following rules:

1. Every country (Electoral Area) where there is a Zionist Federation that is a member of the World Zionist Organization, shall be represented by at least one delegate.

2. The number of delegates from a country (Electoral Area) where a new Zionist Federation has been established that was not represented at the last three (successive) Congresses shall be no more than two.

3. Every country (Electoral Area) shall be allocated a number of

delegates equivalent to 75% of the number of delegates determined for that Area at the previous Congress, where that Area held representation*, in accordance with the notice of the President of the Zionist Supreme Court (Article 24 A of the Constitution). A remainder of 0.5 or above shall entitle that Electoral Area to an additional delegate.

4. * A temporary provision was made in respect of the forthcoming (XXXVIII) Congress: 75% of the average number of delegates at the last three Congresses where that Electoral Area had representation. A further temporary provision was made in respect of the number of delegates from Argentina to the forthcoming Zionist Congress (XXXVIII) so that the calculation of the average shall be according to the representation of Argentina to the three Congresses preceding the XXXVII Zionist Congress (i.e. XXXIV, XXXV, XXXVI).

5. The Committee shall distribute the remainder of delegates [mandates], giving consideration *inter alia* to the number of those affiliating to the Zionist Federation, relative to the overall number worldwide, with this being subject to its ability to verify and control the number of those affiliating in each Electoral Area; to the number of Jews in said Electoral Area; and to the achievements of the Zionist Movement in the electoral area and Zionist activity in that locality.

6. *Mutatis mutandis*, a country (Electoral Area) shall not receive a supplement of more than 20% to its number of delegates, relative to the number of delegates it held at the last Zionist Congress where it was represented. Where the supplement of 20% represents less than one delegate, the Committee is entitled to decide to allocate one additional delegate only to that country.

7. Where the Zionist Supreme Court has ruled on the number of mandates to be distributed to an Electoral Area and / or Zionist Federation, or on the number of delegates from that Electoral Area, the Court's decision shall override that of the Committee.

(c) The Committee must complete its work no later than nine months prior to the Congress.

(d) The Committee shall inform all the said electoral areas of its decision by registered letter.

(e) Every electoral area may appeal against the decision of the Committee within one month of receipt of a registered letter dispatched to the electoral area concerned, containing the decision of the Committee.

(f) The Zionist Supreme Court shall finally decide on the number of delegates in respect of each electoral area in which an appeal has been lodged against the Committee's decision. The Court is entitled to increase the number of delegates from the rest of the Diaspora by no more than five delegates beyond the framework of Article 17, Section 1 of the Constitution, having regard to the grounds of the appeal.

(g) Subsequent to the decisions being taken in terms of sub-paragraph (e) hereof, the Committee will finally determine the total number of representatives to Congress from the rest of the Diaspora within the limits provided for by Article 17, Section 1 of the *Constitution*.

(h) Should representation for a particular Electoral Area be annulled by the Zionist Supreme Court, whether in part or in entirety, on any grounds, the mandates intended for that Electoral Area shall not be re-allocable by the Committee, unless the Zionist Supreme Court has annulled representation for said Electoral Area at more than two successive Congresses.

(i) The Executive shall publish findings of the Committee as made in terms of sub-paragraph (g) and bring them to the notice of all interested parties.[1]

[1] **An *ad hoc* provision for the XXXVIII Zionist Congress**:
Without distracting from the provisions in aforesaid Regulation 2 of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution, in the matter of the Committee for Determining the Number of Delegates to Congress (except for Israel and the United States), said Committee shall also be entitled to grant a delegate to a country (Electoral Area) where there is no Zionist Federation that is a member of the World Zionist Organization, on the sole condition that said country (Electoral Area) held representation at the XXXVII Zionist Congress. Should the Committee this decide, the provisions of the Rules for Elections to the Zionist Congress, Rule 1 (a) and Rule 5 (b) shall apply, irrespective of the abrogation of said Rules by the Zionist General Council XXXVII/4.

Regulation 3 Abrogated

Regulation 4
(Article 19 of the Constitution)

Electoral Area

For the purpose of the election to Congress every country or several countries being within the jurisdiction of one Territorial Zionist Organization shall constitute one electoral area, except those cases where another arrangement is made between the Executive and the Territorial Zionist Organization within a country, and, in the absence of such Territorial Zionist Organization in a country, by agreement between the Executive and all the Zionist bodies that exist within the country.

Regulation 5
(Article 22 of the Constitution)

Right to Elect and to be Elected

The determining date with regard to age giving the right to elect or be elected is the 30th of the month of June prior to the Congress. Together with the nomination of a candidate to be a delegate to a Congress, it is necessary to bring evidence that the candidate has reasonably and in advance fulfilled his obligations to the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal and the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael during the period between Congresses.

Regulation 6
(Article 19 and 20 of the Constitution)

Method of Congress Elections

(a) Each area Election Committee shall enact rules for the elections to Congress, in accordance with the method adopted for the area and its special needs.

(b) In countries in which no Zionist Territorial Organization is operating as a Member of the World Zionist Organization or in which more than one Zionist Territorial Organization is operating as a Member of the World Zionist Organization, the method of elections shall be determined by the groups represented at the preceding Congress in accordance with Article 19 of the *Constitution*. The decision on the method of elections shall be taken not later than six months before the opening of the Congress. If more than one method has been proposed, that method shall be adopted which is supported by a majority within the groups whose delegates at the preceding Zionist Congress constituted at least 90% of the area's representation.

(c) All groups and lists represented at the preceding Congress or desirous of being represented at the forthcoming one may appeal against the

decision on the method of elections to the Zionist Supreme Court within one month of its adoption.

(d) If the relative strength of the groups and lists desirous of being represented at Congress is not determined by the election method adopted as aforesaid, the relative strength shall be determined by a neutral body consisting of five to seven members, to be set up by agreement between the various groups and lists or, in the absence of agreement, by the Executive of the World Zionist Organization. This provision shall apply if necessary also to countries in which a Zionist Territorial Organization is operating.

(e) The body mentioned in the preceding section shall in its decision take into consideration the numerical strength of each group and list, as well as its achievements in various spheres of Zionist activity such as Aliyah, education and culture, Organization, membership, National Funds and campaigns for Israel.

(f) Should a vacancy occur in the body mentioned in the preceding sections, it shall be filled by agreement between the groups and lists which determined the method of elections and, in the absence of such agreement, by the Executive of the World Zionist Organization, unless the Zionist Territorial Organization has decided on filling the vacancy.

Regulation 6 A
(Article 21 of the Constitution)

Congress Representation of Israel

(a) The Zionist parties represented in the Knesset shall set up, no later than 5 months before the set date, a Committee for Determining the Representation of Israel at the Zionist Congress;

(b) Each Zionist party represented in the Knesset shall submit the list of its candidates, signed by two authorized representatives, to the Committee for Determining the Representation not later than eight weeks before the set date;

(c) The Committee for Determining the Representation shall appoint form these lists the delegates of each party and publish their names not later than six weeks before the set date.

(d) To all other election matters in the State of Israel the provisions of the Constitution, of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution and other enactments in connection with elections to the Zionist Congress shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Regulation 7
(Article 25 of the Constitution)

Deputy Delegates

(a) Together with the delegates an equal number of deputies shall be elected. The Area Election Committee may fix in regulations for the carrying out of elections a higher number of deputies, but not exceeding double the number of delegates

(b) The order in which deputies shall take the place of delegates will be determined by the representative of the list. Such representative shall be entitled to determine the deputy only from the territorial list of the absent delegate, unless the Presidium of the General Council shall confirm that there is no deputy from such list or that such deputy is unable to participate in Congress. In the latter event, the representative of the list is entitled to appoint a deputy from another territorial list of the same Zionist body to which the absent delegate belongs.

(c) In the absence of an instruction by the said representative as to the order in which deputies have to take up their duties, the order in which they appear in the list shall determine the order in which each deputy shall assume his duty.

Regulation 8
(Article 26, Section 4 of the Constitution)

Cancellation of Agreement in Regard to Representation

(a) In the absence of any special terms in the agreement entered into in accordance with Article 26, Section 4 of the *Constitution*, each party is entitled to cancel the said agreement by giving prior notice to the other party by registered letter not later than ten months before the opening of any Congress. In the event of such notice being given, every territorial branch of the Zionist body which was party to the cancelled agreement is entitled to demand the opportunity for representation on the Area Election Committee by means of a representative with the right to vote.

(b) Executive shall not be entitled to cancel the said agreement if, at the time of giving the prior notice, there is no opportunity for the other party to the agreement to participate in the elections.

Regulation 9
(Article 29 of the Constitution)

Agenda of Extraordinary Congress

The agenda of an Extraordinary Congress shall be fixed by the body or bodies entitled to convene it. In the event of only one such body convening an Extraordinary Congress, there shall be included in the agenda additional matters in accordance with the request of the other body, provided that such request shall be presented to the convening body not later than 14 days before the opening of the Extraordinary Congress.

Regulation 10
(Article 32, Section 2 of the Constitution)

Election of Officials as Members of The General Council

In terms of Article 32, Section 2 of the *Constitution*, it is hereby determined that the prohibition to be elected as a member of the General Council shall not apply to those officials of the World Zionist Organization and the National Funds, or officials of the Jewish Agency as well as senior officials of the Zionist Federations who were members of the General Council at the time of the Council session in January 1976.

Regulation 10A

Meeting Attendance: Physical Attendance or by other means; Meeting Times; Language of Deliberations; Availability of Translations

(a) Any member entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Presidium, the Inner Executive, Expanded Executive or the Budget and Finance Committee (each, a "World Zionist Organization Entity") shall be permitted to participate and vote at such meeting, whether in person, by telephone, or by any electronic means (including, without limitation to, video conferencing) which is approved by (i) the General Council or (ii) the applicable World Zionist Organization Entity; provided, that each such World Zionist Organization Entity shall approve the use of electronic means for attendance and voting for its own meetings only, and not the meetings of any other World Zionist Organization Entity.

(b) To the extent reasonably practicable, each World Zionist Organization Entity shall hold its meetings during the regular business hours (the "Regular Business Hours") of the time zones in which all the Participants reside; provided, that if this is not reasonably practicable, such meetings shall be held at a time within the Regular Business Hours of the majority of the Participants and at a time which minimizes the inconvenience to those Participants who reside in time zones other than those in which the majority of the Participants reside.

(c) The official language of record of the meetings of each World Zionist Organization Entity shall be Hebrew. Any business brought at such meetings of the above Entities may be conducted in Hebrew or English; provided, that the convening body shall provide for simultaneous or contemporaneous translation from Hebrew to English and English to Hebrew for all Participants attending such meetings in person and simultaneous or contemporaneous translations from Hebrew to English and English to Hebrew for all Participants attending by other means. Simultaneous or contemporaneous translation of Hebrew or English to any other language may be provided if the majority of the applicable World Zionist Organization Entity determines that such translation is reasonably necessary and practicable for the conduct of such meetings.

(d) All other rules, regulations and standing orders with respect to the functioning of the World Zionist Organization Bodies are hereby deemed amended without further action as necessitated by and in accordance with this regulation.

Regulation 10B

Implementation of the Directives of the Congress and Zionist General Council

(a) The Inner and Expanded Executive (collectively, for purposes of this Regulation 10B only, the "Executive") shall implement the directives of the Congress or the General Council (the "Directives"). The General Council shall establish a committee of its members, who are not members of the Executive, to monitor and report to the General Council on the Executive's progress in implementing such Directives (the "Implementation Committee").

(b) Upon written request by the Implementation Committee to the Executive or any member(s) of the Executive (the body or person to whom the request is directed, the "Subject Person"), such Subject Person shall provide the Implementation Committee with the information and documents that the Implementation Committee deems necessary or appropriate to assess the progress of such Subject Person in implementing the Directives.

(c) If, after reviewing the information or documents provided by any Subject Person, the Implementation Committee determines that such Subject Person has not complied with its obligation to (1) implement the Directives or (2) provide the information or documents requested by the Implementation Committee in a timely manner, the Implementation Committee may recommend that the General Council take further action to ensure that the Directives are properly implemented.

(d) The provisions of this Regulation 10B shall govern to enhance and shall not be deemed to limit any other provision of this Constitution that purports to grant the General Council powers or authority to ensure that the Directives are properly implemented in a timely manner.

Regulation 11
(Article 60 A of the Constitution)

Obligations of Members of Governing Bodies

(a) The Inner Executive of the World Zionist Organization (hereinafter: "the Executive") shall submit the list of the members of the governing bodies mentioned in Art. 14 (e) of the Constitution (hereinafter "the Bodies") to the Central Offices of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal, the UJA and the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael (hereinafter "Central Offices of the Funds"), within one month of each election.

(b) The Central Offices of the Funds shall examine directly or through the territorial committees concerned whether all members on the list have fulfilled their obligations towards the Funds in the year of election.

(c) Fulfillment of obligations implies a contribution appropriate to the economic position of the member, having regard to the general level of contributions in the country concerned. The Central Office of each Fund is entitled to exempt a member of a Body from the fulfillment of his obligation in view of his economic position.

(d) The Central Office of each Fund shall examine each year following the year of election whether all members of the Body continue to fulfill their obligations towards the Funds. The Executive shall inform the Central Offices of the Funds of any change in the personal composition of the Bodies.

(e) Should any member of a Body not fulfill his obligation, the Central Office of the Fund concerned shall warn and request him to do so within a month of the receipt of the warning.

(f) Should the members not fulfill his obligation in spite of the warning, the Central Office of the Fund shall notify the Executive, which shall transmit this notification to the Attorney of the Zionist Organization in order to take steps against the member in accordance with Article 49 (A) Section 1 (g) of the *Constitution*. If the Executive decides to suspend his membership in the Body, it shall immediately notify the Attorney of this decision.

(g) Should the Attorney be of the opinion that the member has not complied with his obligations towards the Funds, he shall file a Bill of Complaint with the Zionist Supreme Court in accordance with Chapter F of the

Rules of Procedure of the Zionist Supreme Court. If the Attorney is satisfied that the membership in the Body should be suspended until the final decision of the Court, he shall apply to the Court in accordance with Rule 43 of the *Procedure of the Zionist Supreme Court*.