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## 2.1. Allocation of Budget

*Submitted by Eliezer Shefer,*

*World Organization of Orthodox Communities and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

**Whereas** the World Zionist Organization today relies mainly on external sources of budget that are not under its control,

**The World Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:**

To charge the newly elected bodies (the Executive and the Zionist General Council) to submit within three months a multi-year program of activity for the World Zionist Organization for the period until the World Zionist Congress XXXVIII, with special attention to the following issues:

1. Future Budgetary Sources for the World Zionist Organization that are fully implementable and without conditions imposed by the funding entities.
2. Activity Programs: Realistic activity programs on the basis of realistic budgets, in accordance with a multi-year based on the *Vision and Shlichut [Vocation], Goals and Objectives of the Zionist Movement in Our Time*.

The Congress determines that in the absence of real guaranteed budgets for the coming years, the World Zionist Organization shall be required to submit alternative programs to the Zionist General Council that are consistent with the required budgets.

## 2.2. Budgets for the Young Generation

*Submitted by Amiad Taub,*

*World Organization of Orthodox Communities and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

**Whereas** the World Zionist Organization today relies mainly on external sources of budget that are not under its control; and

**Whereas** in the WZO budget there is no allocation for activity for the young generation and the middle generation; and

**Whereas** technologically gifted young people with an understanding of the social networks are capable of assisting in furthering the goals of Congress at a relatively low cost in relation to effectiveness,

**The World Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:**

That out of the financial resources received, the World Zionist Organization will be required to dedicate at least 5% of its budget for the advancement of young people in Israel and the Diaspora.

## 2.3. Appointment and Budget for a Commissioner for the Young Generation

*Submitted by Amiad Taub,*

*World Organization of Orthodox Communities and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

**Whereas** the World Zionist Organization today relies mainly on external sources of budget that are outside its control; and

**Whereas** in the WZO budget there is no allocation for activity for the young generation or the middle generation; and

**Whereas** technologically gifted young people with an understanding of the social networks are capable of assisting in furthering the goals of Congress at a relatively low cost in relation to effectiveness,

**The World Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:**

That the World Zionist Organization shall appoint and budget for a “Commissioner for the Young Generation” who shall direct all activity for young people in Israel and around the world, and who will take up his or her position within six months from the date of the Congress, following the approval of a work plan in the aforementioned areas by the Zionist Executive.

**2.4. Anti-Zionist Propaganda**

*Submitted by Eliezer Shefer,*

*World Organization of Orthodox Communities and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

**Whereas** an anti-Israel propaganda is being conducted worldwide; and

**Whereas** Jewish organizations in the Diaspora and the State of Israel are primarily engaged in contending with antisemitic and anti-Israel propaganda,

**The World Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:**

To charge the elected bodies with establishing and sustaining a computerized system for **Zionist** advocacy, based solely and entirely on the advocacy of the **Zionist** vision and ideology alone.

**2.5. Contending with Anti-Zionist Propaganda**

*Submitted by Eliezer Shefer and David Ben Naeh,*

*World Organization of Orthodox Communities and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

**Whereas** the anti-Israel propaganda being conducted in many countries and by diverse circles, also includes propaganda and advocacy against the Zionist vision and ideology; and

**Whereas** most community organizations and bodies in the Diaspora are primarily engaged in contending with antisemitic and anti-Israel propaganda,

**The World Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:**

To establish and sustain an online, computerized communications system with an app that will allow updated and dynamic communication, including for smartphones;

**The Congress charges** the Zionist Executive to submit a program within three months for the establishment and operation of an **online center for updated and dynamic Zionist advocacy**.

**2.6. Contending with Anti-Zionist Propaganda**

*Submitted by Amiad Taub,*

*World Organization of Orthodox Communities and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

**Whereas** the anti-Israel propaganda being conducted in many countries and by diverse circles, also includes propaganda and advocacy against the Zionist vision and ideology; and

**Whereas** most community organizations and bodies in the Diaspora are primarily engaged in contending with antisemitic and anti-Israel propaganda; and

**Whereas** many of those leading Hasbara (Advocacy) campaigns are not sufficiently expert in the area of innovational technology and social networks,

**The World Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:**

To establish a training framework in the field of new media, establishing training programs and conducting professional course for all Congress delegates.

The Congress charges the Zionist Executive to submit within three months a program for the establishment, operation and budget of a **worldwide training framework in the field of new media**.

## **2.7. The Intensification of Zionist Advocacy (Hasbara)**

*Submitted by World Likud*

**Whereas** antisemitic and anti-Israel propaganda has escalated, particularly in recent years; and

**Whereas** antisemitic and anti-Israel propaganda exerts a tremendous influence on young Jewish, especially on campus, and alienates them from Zionism and Israel,

**The World Zionist Congress resolves as follows:**

1. The Congress determines that it is imperative to work to enhance Zionist Advocacy and calls for the establishment of student cells in the Diaspora to combat Antisemitism.
2. The Congress determines that it is imperative to allocate the necessary resources and tools to enhance Hasbara.
3. The Congress calls for the training of Israeli shlichim (emissaries) / advocates and Hasbara delegations, in coordination with the Israel Government and Jewish organizations in the Diaspora.

## **2.8. National and International Issues**

*Submitted by Ms. Chaya Cohen; Etz World Labor Zionist Union*

**Whereas** the State of Israel is threatened by regional and international processes, inter alia: the escalation of terrorism conducted by extremist Islamist organizations, under Iranian auspices, one which threatens the entire western world and which incorporates internal Arab conflicts – in Iraq, Syria, Yemen – threatening all the Middle Eastern states; and

**Whereas** terrorism close to the State of Israel's borders – with Hizbullah in the North, Hamas and IS in the South-West – compels the State of Israel to act resolutely and forcefully to counter any attempt to harm Israel's inhabitants; and

**Whereas** there has been an escalation of terrorism against Jewish institutions in Europe and Antisemitism has been raising its head in western countries: all these should compel any Jew, whoever he or she may be, to support the State of Israel and demand that western governments protect Jewish institutions everywhere,

**The XXXVII Zionist Congress hereby resolves:**

1. That the WZO and its entities, together with the Israel Government and the Jewish communities are obligated to work together to eradicate Antisemitism, and to engage with sovereign governments in order to guarantee the Jewish communities' rights and quality of life.
2. To call upon the UN and the nations of the world comprising it to act in a resolute and unbiased manner towards all populations of the world, without distinction of religion, race or gender.

## **2.9. National and International Issues (2)**

*Submitted by Ms. Chaya Cohen; Etz World Labor Zionist Union*

**Whereas** the leitmotif of the issue of peace and respect of one's fellow man permeates the Torah of Israel and the Prophets; and

**Whereas** armed conflicts are breaking out around the world on a regular basis; and

**Whereas** human trafficking and disrespect of one's fellow man are ongoing throughout the world; and

**Whereas** the State of Israel and the People of Israel view the protection of respect for one's fellow man and peace as the two ultimate values,

**The XXXVII Zionist Congress hereby resolves:**

To call upon the nations of the world to act to protect citizens of the world, where leaders are not fulfilling their duty towards their citizens, to say the least. It is imperative to put an end to the wretched, heart-breaking scenarios of refugees knocking at the gates of enlightened countries. This is to be achieved primarily through support of the third world.

## **2.10. The State of Israel's Relationship with USA Jewry**

*Submitted by the World Meretz Union Faction*

**Whereas** we are witness to the ongoing deterioration of the relationship between the Israel Government and the American Government; and

**Whereas** this deterioration embroils USA Jewry and creates a deep rift within it; and

**Whereas** American Jewish groups in the public are distancing themselves from community life and from support for the State of Israel because of its government's policy in recent years; and

**Whereas** the deepening of the crisis in such relations might cause damage of unimaginable proportions to the relationship between Israel and the American Jewish public,

**The Zionist Congress hereby resolves:**

1. The Zionist Congress calls upon the Israel Government to refrain from steps that might be detrimental to the delicate fabric of the relationship with American Jewry.
2. The Congress calls upon the Israel Government to engage in dialogue with Jewish and Zionist leadership in the USA, across the entire spectrum, on the subject of Israel-US relations.

## **2.11. Deepening the Connection between Israeli Society and Communities of Israeli Yordim in the Diaspora**

*Submitted by the Zionist Council in Israel*

**Whereas** there are, to our regret, communities of Israeli *yordim* in the Diaspora; and

**Whereas** a large proportion of them sever the link with the State of Israel, and particularly their children; and

**Whereas** it has been proven that Jewish education as conducted in the Diaspora, and particularly in projects in the USA, helps preserve the connection of Israelis in the Diaspora with Jewish and Israeli heritage in the State of Israel,

**The World Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:**

1. To expand the "*Mit'habrim*" project to additional countries.
2. To integrate shlichim and volunteers in this educational activity.
3. To increase informal education for enhancing Jewish education, integrating them into the "*Mit'habrim*" project.

## 2.12. Israeli Government Initiative with the International Jewish Community

*Submitted by Ameinu Delegates, USA- Etz World Labor Zionist Union*

**Whereas**, the Government of Israel Initiative was designed to serve as a joint partnership for strategic dialogue and action between Jewish communities throughout the world and the State of Israel to focus on the issue of strengthening Jewish Identity of the next generation and its connection to Israel; and

**Whereas**, a great deal of effort was invested in this undertaking by the Government of Israel and by a large number of leaders of World Jewry from across the globe and across the entire ideological spectrum; and

**Whereas**, the current reality has been changed in direct contradiction both to the spirit of the Initiative and in direct conflict with the June 2014 Government of Israel Resolution establishing the initiative. Any and all meaningful dialogue with the organized Jewish community, as represented by the Jewish Federations of North America, Keren Hayesod, the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel has been eliminated; and

**Whereas** this undertaking has transformed simply into a funding framework for programs to be conducted by a single government ministry to, in their words, "*fight the weakening of the family unit*" and "*the significant critical discourse against Israel.*"

**The Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves:**

That the World Zionist Organization will have no involvement with said initiative, until agreement is reached with the government ministry to ensure that the initiative includes serious partnerships with Diaspora organizations and that the initiative represents religious, ideological and political pluralistic values.

## 2.13. Zionist Movement Activity in Light of Escalating Antisemitism

*Submitted by Members of the Ohavei Zion Faction, World Sephardic Zionist Organization*

**Whereas** we are witnessing the increase of Antisemitism that occasionally borders on the life-threatening; and

**Whereas** the rule that All of Israel is Responsible for One Another is surely valid in these times,

**The Zionist Congress resolves:**

1. To work together with the Israel Government and communities the world over to encourage governments to take action against this phenomenon and explain the gravity of the situation to the public.
2. To take advantage of this situation to enhance Jewish identity and mutual responsibility.
3. To promote Aliyah and take measures to be prepared for its Absorption.

## 2.14. Aliyah Promotion and Countering Antisemitism

*Submitted by the Zionist Council in Israel*

**Whereas** the phenomenon of Antisemitism and delegitimization of Israel is on the rise in most countries in the world; and

**Whereas** there is an expectation of Aliyah to Israel from the Diaspora, It is necessary to work in cooperation with all the Jewish Federations and Jewish student groups at universities around the world, in order to curb the phenomenon of Antisemitism and delegitimization of Israel,

**The World Zionist Congress:**

1. Resolves to do everything in its power to promote Aliyah to Israel.
2. Calls upon the Israel Government to be prepared in every field of life for the Absorption of the anticipated massive Aliyah that is expected to arrive in Israel, and to take action particularly in the spheres of education, housing and employment.

**2.15. The Intensification of the Struggle against Antisemitism**

*Submitted by World Likud*

**Whereas** recent years, in the wake of Operations Cast Lead and Protective Edge, have yielded an all-time high since the Second World War for the number of antisemitic incidents; and

**Whereas** Antisemitism represents a critical Zionist issue on which the WZO is obligated to focus its attention, in partnership with Jewish and non-Jewish organizations,

**The World Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves as follows:**

1. The Congress determines that it is imperative to intensify the struggle against rampant Antisemitism worldwide, by every means possible.
2. The Congress determines that it is imperative to combat radical Islamist Antisemitism, which endeavors to injure Jews, in general, and Israelis, in particular.
3. The Congress calls upon universities and academic institutions in Israel to exclude and even to dismiss academics and members of staff calling for the imposition of an embargo on the State of Israel.
4. The Congress issues a call to promote Aliyah by all Jews from around the world.
5. The Congress calls upon the Hasbara and Counter-Antisemitism task force established by the Jewish Agency to invest all types of available resources in it, in order to intensify the struggle against all forms of Antisemitism.

**2.16. Withholding Funds from Entities Hostile to Israel**

*Submitted by World Likud*

**Whereas** acts of corruption within the Palestinian Authority are being exposed; and

**Whereas** it has been disclosed that entities and foundations operating inside Israel have been receiving financial support from countries and international agencies hostile to Israel and working against it; and

**Whereas** it is inconceivable that the State of Israel should grant funding to someone who tarnishes its image and impairs its security,

**The World Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves as follows:**

1. The Congress calls upon the Israel Government to take action against any foundation or entity in receipt of funding from sources hostile to Israel or from any such foreign governmental agency.
2. The Congress calls upon the Israel Knesset and the government to withhold payments to Members of Knesset in the present or the past, where there is a suspicion that they have impaired Israel's security and from anyone who has cooperated and supports terrorist organizations, in any manner, and/or countries opposed to the existence of the State of Israel.



## 2.17. The State of Emergency Due to Antisemitism in Europe

*Submitted by World Likud*

**Whereas** terrorist and antisemitic activity are proliferating in the world and particularly in Europe, endangering the welfare, lives and property of Diaspora Jewry,

**The Zionist Congress resolves as follows:**

Organizations supporting a partial or complete embargo on any location or institution in Israel, including East Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, shall not be able to participate in the Zionist Congress and the entities of the WZO.

## 2.18. Development of Young Zionist Leadership

*Submitted by Members of the Ohavei Zion Faction, World Sephardic Zionist Organization*

**Whereas** we are witnessing distancing and erosion among young people in the Diaspora in terms of identification with the State of Israel, and many of them do not feel a commitment or connection to Israel; and

**Whereas** it is imperative to initiate activity to enhance their commitment and connection to Israel; and

**Whereas** a large proportion of anti-Israeli activity is conducted at universities in the Diaspora that serve as hotbeds of anti-Israel activity,

**The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:**

1. To bring hundreds of young leaders from the Diaspora to Israel each year for a seminar, in order to train a young leadership and to nurture within it a commitment and connection to the people and to Israel, so that they will act as ambassadors for the Zionist idea.
2. That the Congress will appeal to the President of the State of Israel and suggest that for every Israel Independence Day prominent young leaders should be invited from the Diaspora, noted for their contribution to strengthening their community and the connection with Israel. These leaders will receive the President's Award for Young Leaders.
3. Centers for Zionist Activity will be established at universities in the Diaspora and scholarships will also be awarded to Jewish student activists who will act as a counter-weight against anti-Jewish activity on campus. A coordinating office will be established to communicate with Jewish students at universities.

## 2.19. Establishment of an Institute for Zionist Education

*Submitted by MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami  
and The World Confederation of United Zionists*

**Whereas** Zionist education is the fundamental building block of the Zionist movement and essential to securing its future and furthering its objectives, and

**Whereas** numerous studies point to an ever increasing distancing from Israel on the part of the next generation, and

**Whereas** our own young people find themselves ill-equipped to rebut the vicious campaign of delegitimization and BDS being waged against Israel, and

**Whereas** these campaigns are exposing a serious lack of grounding in the Zionist idea even among our natural constituency, and

**Whereas** Jewish educators are increasingly noting the growing challenges in Israel education with which they are contending, and

**Whereas** there is presently no established address within the National Institutions for addressing the real and urgent needs in the field of Zionist education, including professional development, curriculum development, professional support and research,

**The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:**

That the WZO establish an Institute for Zionist Education to be placed under the responsibility of a member of the Zionist Executive.

Be it further resolved that this Institute be built on the foundations of and encompass the Herzl Museum and Educational Center which structurally shall no longer be associated with the Department for Diaspora Activities.

## **2.20. Prevention of Assimilation**

*Submitted by Members of the Ohavei Zion Faction, World Sephardic Zionist Organization*

**Whereas** the major problem within the Jewish people today is the ongoing escalation of assimilation, and given that, according to research, the Jewish people has lost 20 million Jews since the Shoah through assimilation; and

**Whereas** it is imperative that there be immediate action, including the allocation of resources, in order to curb this phenomenon; and

**Whereas** the Israel Government is also aware of the gravity of the situation, and is prepared to allocate resources to enhance Jewish identity and absorb Aliyah,

**The Zionist Congress resolves:**

1. The WZO will allocate top priority to this issue.
2. The requisite resources will be allocated to curb this phenomenon.
3. A joint task force will be established with the various Federations, in order to discuss, decide and find ways to address it.

## **2.21. Jewish Education in the Diaspora as the Zionist Movement's Major Challenge**

*Submitted by Members of the Ohavei Zion Faction, World Sephardic Zionist Organization*

**Whereas** Jewish education in the Diaspora is very expensive and some Jews send their children to public schools, which leads to an undermining of the students' Jewish identity; and

**Whereas** without resolving this tough issue, it will be difficult to prevent assimilation and preserve the teenagers' connection with the State of Israel in the future,

**The Zionist Congress resolves:**

1. That a comprehensive program shall be drawn up for the purpose of helping the Jewish child receive a Jewish education.
2. A foundation shall be established with the cooperation of the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, the Israel Government, the Jewish Agency and overseas donors. This foundation will be responsible for funding the comprehensive program to provide Jewish education for millions of Jews in the Diaspora.
3. Emphasis will be placed on teaching Hebrew Language to children in the Diaspora, both through allocation of funding and through the referral of men and women to National Service in the Diaspora, as well as through the use of voluntary personnel for this purpose.
4. To establish a "mutual responsibility" network: schools in Israel will build connections with Jewish communities and schools in the Diaspora.

## 2.22. National Service and IDF Preparatory Academies

*Submitted by the Zionist Council in Israel*

**Whereas** the World Zionist Congress considers IDF preparatory academies to be of importance as a valuable social-Zionist enterprise - to foster engagement, responsibility and leadership for the next generation; the Congress is conscious of the difficulties experienced by the academies in sustaining their activity and calls upon the Israel Government to increase their budgets and facilitate an increase in their numbers in the forthcoming years; and

**Whereas** it is imperative to encourage and educate Israeli youth to make a contribution to society and volunteer for National Service, before and/or after military service, on various projects within Israeli society; and

**Whereas** the National Service budget was recently slashed and many good candidates are unable to volunteer,

### **The World Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:**

1. To support National Service *garinim* (core groups) and IDF preparatory academies, as well as others who join them, and to view this activity as part of its overall activities.
2. The Congress calls upon the government to budget the activities of volunteers in IDF preparatory academies and National Service.
3. The Congress appeals to all agencies connected to this area and requests that they increase the number of volunteers in the Diaspora.

## 2.23. The Zionist Youth & Bogrim (Alumni) Congress

*Submitted by the Zionist Council in Israel*

**Whereas** the Zionist Council in Israel has for years been organizing the Zionist Youth Congress, which has been extremely successful; and

**Whereas** a need has been felt for some considerable time to hold a Zionist Congress for *bogrim* (movement alumni); and

**Whereas** a demand and a need exist to integrate Diaspora youth at the Zionist Youth Congress,

### **The World Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:**

1. To encourage this activity and to renew the organization of a Congress for *bogrim*.
2. To assess the possibility of holding an international Zionist Youth Congress in Israel.

## 2.24. Young Leadership

*Submitted by B'nai B'rith World Center*

**Whereas** the WZO has recognized the need for young participation in the Zionist movement, and

**Whereas** at least 25% of delegates to the Zionist Congress and Zionist General Council are young people under the age of 35,

### **The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:**

That a standing committee of Young Leadership be established, wherein the youth will elect their chair and other leaders;

And be it further resolved, that at all future Zionist Congress and General Council sessions, the Young Leadership will be responsible for the development, implementation, and delivery of at least one plenary session.