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7.1. Amendment of Article 41, Section 2 (Amended November 2008, June 2011)

*Submitted by Eliezer Shefer, World Organization of Orthodox Communities
and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

Whereas the World Zionist Organization is obliged to reduce its scope and its international activity, also for reasons of absence of committed income for the coming years; and

Whereas the limited budgets available to it are supposed to be devoted first and foremost to practical Zionist activity; and

Whereas significant changes are necessary to the functioning of the elected bodies that will be tailored to the processes, options and limitations,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

Not to elect forthwith the Outer Zionist Executive and to transfer their powers to the Zionist Executive and the Presidium of the Zionist General Council.

7.2. Representatives of Zionist Organizations in Zionist Federations

*Submitted by Eliezer Shefer, World Organization of Orthodox Communities
and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

Whereas the Zionist Federations are supposed to be the operative arm of the World Zionist Organization across all its constituent parts and are entitled to vote on all matters in the entities of the World Zionist Organization; and

Whereas the national and world Zionist organizations constitute an inseparable part of the World Zionist Organization and all its extensions; and

Whereas the world Zionist organizations conduct Jewish and Zionist activity and are dispersed throughout the world,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To charge all the existing Zionist Federations and those that are established in the future, to incorporate local representatives from all the world Zionist organizations interested in so being, within the elected and voting bodies of the local and regional Zionist Federations.

7.3. Amendment of Article 16, Section 1

*Submitted by Eliezer Shefer, World Organization of Orthodox Communities
and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To amend Article 16, Section 1 to establish that a 90% majority of the membership of the Zionist General Council is required in order to defer the date of the Congress as set down in the Constitution.

7.4. Amendment of Article 21

*Submitted by Eliezer Shefer, World Organization of Orthodox Communities
and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

Whereas Zionist parties in Israel represented in the Israel Knesset form the criterion for determining the number of delegates who will represent them at the Zionist Congress; and

Whereas it has been proven that there are Zionist parties in the Israel Knesset that cease to exist, before and after elections to the Knesset; and

Whereas in the existing Constitution, Article 21 reads:

“.... 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....”;
and

Whereas it has been proven that under this Article in the Constitution, factions and Unions continue to sustain their representation, status and official positions, even if they have ceased to exist and are no longer extant,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To append a new section to Article 21 in the Constitution, reading, inter alia:

“A faction or World Union whose representatives in the institutions of the World Zionist Organization and national institutions were elected by virtue of their representation by a party in the Israel Knesset that has ceased to exist, shall resign their elected positions within three months after the party that they are supposed to represent has ceased to exist.”

7.5. The Standing Committee on Budget and Finance:

Amendment of Article 30A, Section 2

*Submitted by Eliezer Shefer, World Organization of Orthodox Communities
and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

Whereas the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance is prevented by existing regulations from presenting an alternative annual budget to the World Zionist Organization from those budget proposals submitted by the Zionist Executive; and

Whereas the Zionist General Council is entitled under the Constitution to prevent expenditures that are not consistent with the principles directed by the Zionist Congress or the Zionist General Council,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To append to Article 30A, Section 2(b) the following words: “... and the Permanent Budget and Finance Committee is entitled and authorized to discuss and decide upon all matters relating to the Budget and Finance of the World Zionist Organization, across all its affiliate branches, expenditures and incomes.”

7.6. Standing Committee on Budget and Finance

Submitted by ARZENU,

The International Federation of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists

Whereas Article 30A, Section 2(a) allows for the establishment of a Permanent Budget and Finance Committee; and

Whereas the existing committee has only the power to accept or return budgets presented to it by the Zionist Executive; and

Whereas this renders the committee ineffectual as an organ for checks and balances,

Therefore the Zionist Congress hereby resolves that:

Article 30A, Section 2(a) be amended to read:

“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. The Permanent Budget and Finance Committee shall have the power to accept or reject any budgets or financial undertakings that come before it for consideration.”

7.7. Amendment of Section 11 of the Standing Orders of the Budget and Finance

Committee of the WZO: Advance Presentation of Budget

Submitted by the World Confederation of United Zionists

Whereas, pursuant to Article 14(d) of the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization (the "WZO Constitution"),

"the Zionist Congress (the "Congress") may, among other things, determine the financial and budgetary policy and fix the budget for the year following the year in which the Congress is held;

Whereas, pursuant to Section 11 of the Standing Orders ("Standing Orders") of the Budget and Finance Committee of the WZO (the "Budget and Finance Committee"), the Budget and Finance Committee is responsible for

"(i) preparing each budget of the WZO and its constituent bodies for confirmation by the Congress or the Zionist General Council (the "Council"), (ii) approving such budget (if such power was delegated to the Budget and Finance Committee by the Congress or the Council), (iii) overseeing the implementation of such budget and (iv) advising the Executive (as defined in the Standing Orders) regarding developments related to such budget"; and

Whereas, the Congress has determined that it is in the best interests of the WZO to amend the Standing Orders to ensure that the members of the Budget and Finance Committee have sufficient time to review each budget proposal prior to its confirmation by each of the Congress, the Council or the Budget and Finance Committee, as the case may be.

Therefore, be it resolved,

That Regulation 11 of the Standing Orders be and it hereby is, amended by inserting the following clause (d) after Regulation 11(c):

"(d) The Treasurer or the Executive (as the case may be) shall submit each budget proposal to the Budget and Finance Committee no later than 15 days prior to the meeting at which the Budget and Finance Committee considers the budget proposal in accordance with Regulations 10, 11(a)-(c) and 12 of these Standing Orders. In the event that the Treasurer or the Executive fails to submit such budget proposal to the Budget and Finance Committee within such time, the Budget and Finance Committee shall delay its meeting so that it will have at least 15 days to consider such budget proposal, unless such 15-day requirement is waived by the Budget and Finance Committee."

7.8. Authorization of the Zionist General Council on Matters of Budget and Finance

Submitted by the World Confederation of United Zionists

The Zionist Congress delegates its authority regarding matters of Budget and Finance to the Zionist General Council and gives it authority to decide regarding all matters of budget and finance, both directly and through authorizing the Permanent Committee for Budget and Finance.

The geographical composition of this B&F Committee will reflect the geographical composition of the Zionist Congress, the highest authority of the World Zionist Organization, including at least five chairmen of the Zionist Federations.

7.9. Amendment of Article 2A, Amendment of June 2012

*Submitted by Eliezer Shefer, World Organization of Orthodox Communities
and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

Whereas the existing version, page 3, Article 2A, reads:

"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 or gender."

It is proposed:

To amend this as follows: *"and rejects discrimination of a personal, organizational or budgetary nature against any of the organizations represented within it."*

7.10. Amendment of Article 3, "Definition of the Zionist Federation"

Submitted by Eliezer Shefer, World Organization of Orthodox Communities and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora

In Article 3, under the *"Definition of the Zionist Federation"*, in the sentence beginning:

"Such corporate membership does not in itself confer individual membership of the Federation upon the members of such bodies."

It shall state: *"Corporate membership of international Jewish bodies confers individual membership in the Federation to members of such bodies."*

7.11. Amendment of Article 13, "Intervals between Congress and Congress"

Submitted by Amiad Taub, World Organization of Orthodox Communities and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora

It is proposed to replace Article 13, which states:

"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."

With the following new formulation: *"A regular Congress shall meet at least once every three years at a place and time determined by the Zionist General Council. It shall be convened by the Executive."*

7.12. Amendment of Article 13

Submitted by MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami

Whereas the centrality of Israel is fundamental to Zionist ideology and the Jerusalem Program, and Whereas the convening of the Zionist Congress in Israel reinforces that value,

Be it hereby resolved:

That Article 13 be revised by deletion of the words crossed out and the additions in bold, as follows:

"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 **in Israel.**"

7.13. Date of Congress

*Submitted by ARZENU,
The International Federation of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists*

Whereas there is no perfect time to hold a Zionist Congress,

Therefore the Zionist Congress hereby resolves that:

Article 13 be amended to read:

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

7.14. Amendment of Article 17, Section 3, “Number of Congress Delegates”

*Submitted by Amiad Taub, World Organization of Orthodox Communities
and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

It is proposed to replace the Article 17, Section 3, which currently reads:

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

With the following new Article: *“The number of delegates to Congress, as stated in Section 1, shall be allocated in the following proportion: Israel 50%, United States of America 25%, other countries of the Diaspora 25%.”*

7.15. Amendment of Article 20

*Submitted by Amiad Taub, World Organization of Orthodox Communities
and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

It is proposed to add a new Section to Article 20, as follows:

“The Elections Committee membership shall comprise representatives from all the organizations. The representatives shall be elected by the organizations themselves 20 months before the date of the Congress.”

7.16. Reservation of Seats for Young Generation Delegates to the Zionist Congress

*Submitted by Amiad Taub, World Organization of Orthodox Communities
and Synagogues in Israel and the Diaspora*

Whereas the international organizations of those represented at Congress and in the World Zionist Organization play significant and highly important roles in the Zionist movement; and

Whereas any organization desirous of survival needs to integrate young people with skills and abilities into its leadership; and

Whereas the status of young people and generation next in the Zionist movement and its institutions in Israeli society and Jewish communities in the Diaspora is weak and ineffective,

The World Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To reserve an allocation of 5% of the number of delegates from the composition of delegates to the Zionist Congress for young people up to the age of 35.

7.17. Suspension of an Individual or Organization from the World Zionist Organization

Submitted by World Likud

Whereas there are occasional instances where statements or actions by individuals who are members of the World Zionist Organization are in violation of the provisions of Chapter One of the Constitution and the Jerusalem Program included therein,

The Zionist Congress resolves as follows:

Following Article 62, shall come Article 62A:

“An individual who or organization that is a member of the World Zionist Organization (or a member of a Zionist Federation), where it has been proved that he or she has expressed or conducted himself or herself in a manner that violates Articles 1 through 2A, and 5, and/or in violation of the Jerusalem Program, shall be suspended forthwith from the World Zionist Organization and/or Zionist Federation.”

7.18. Democratic Elections to the Zionist Congress

Submitted by World Likud

Whereas if ideologically founded political elections will not be held, this could lead to the atrophy of the WZO; and

Whereas in the present situation a member of the Zionist movement can be represented by more than one organization or World Union,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves as follows:

Following Article 7(i), shall come Article 7(j):

"Elections to the Congress shall be held one year before the Zionist Congress. All members of Federations shall have the right to one vote only, even if he or she is a member of more than one organization or World Union."

7.19. Amendment to the Standing Orders for Elections to the Zionist Congress

Submitted by the Ohavei Zion Faction, World Sephardic Zionist Organization

Whereas elections to the XXXVII Congress have not been held in almost any country in the world, except for the USA; and

Whereas elections are the life-breath of democracy and act as an incentive for Zionist activity and the involvement of many of the Jewish people worldwide as partners to the WZO; and

Whereas by electronic means and computer applications it is possible to organize the technical side for the conduct of elections from one place; and

Whereas, in order for elections to be held for the XXXVIII Congress, it is necessary to agree on the method in the near future,

The Zionist Congress resolves:

1. To amend Article 19 and Article 29 of the **Constitution** and the ***Standing Orders for Elections to the Zionist Congress***, as follows: *The Zionist Congress empowers the Zionist Executive to determine an electoral method consistent with generally democratic accepted principles and to determine the means to implement the conduct the elections de facto around the world.*
2. The Executive shall complete its work and make a decision on the method and means of implementation within one year from its election.
3. The Method of Election shall be publicized worldwide and the decision to launch an advocacy campaign on the subject will be made at least two years before the XXXVIII Congress.
4. The Congress resolves that, beginning with the XXXVIII Congress, elections must be held in each and every Federation, in accordance with the method that will be determined by the Executive.
5. Any World Union shall be able to participate in the elections in any Federation, in accordance with the regulations that will be determined by the Executive.

7.20. Cancellation of Congress Elections

Submitted by ARZENU,

The International Federation of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists

Whereas the democratic nature of Congress elections relevant to the 21st century is difficult to uphold; and

Whereas the number of participants in Congress elections has decreased from election to election; and

Whereas the elections process whereby delegations have been chosen to the Congress has actually turned people away from the Zionist enterprise; and

Whereas elections are expensive and the appeals process is cumbersome and not in tune with the needs of communities in the Diaspora; and

Whereas the time has come to find an attractive and meaningful procedure for representation in the World Zionist Organization and the National Institutions compatible with 21st century norms; and

Whereas the WZO *Constitution and Regulations for the Election of Delegates to the Zionist Congress* are often inconsistent and unclear leading to numerous appeals; and

Whereas the effort and expense involved in Congress elections is failing to make the WZO relevant to millions of Jews in the Diaspora when the same funding could better be used for exactly that purpose,

Therefore the Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves that:

1. There shall be no elections to the Zionist Congress starting after the 37th Congress and that Article 14(e), (f) and (g) shall be abrogated.
2. Article 17, Section 1 shall be deleted and replaced with the following text: *“Any Jew wishing to attend the Zionist Congress as an individual or as a representative of a Zionist organization or Zionist World Union that is affiliated with the World Zionist Organization may do so at his/her own expense on a first come first served basis. There shall be no more than 1000 delegates to the Congress.”*
3. Article 21 shall be amended to read, *“A party in the Knesset which adheres to or advocates discrimination based on origin, nationality, race, religious belief, gender or sexual orientation, shall not be represented at Congress.”*
4. Article 22, Section 1 shall be amended to read, *“Every Jew who has reached the age of eighteen years by June 30th of the year of the Congress and who is a member for at least one year prior to the opening of the Congress of a body affiliated to the World Zionist Organization (Article 3) or is an individual member for at least one year prior to the opening of the Congress shall be entitled to attend the Congress.”* Paragraph 2 of Section 1 reading, *“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”* is hereby abrogated.
5. A committee of up to 16 people, half from Israel and half from the Diaspora shall be constituted to reconcile the WZO Constitution and all of the WZO rules and regulations relating to the holding of the Congress and representation at the Congress with the new procedure. The chair of the Revision Committee shall be a retired Israeli judge. The legal advisor of the WZO shall participate in the committee in an advisory capacity. The committee shall submit its recommendations for approval at the Zionist General Council 37/2 session.
6. World Zionist Unions and organization that are members of the WZO will have two voting representatives each on the Presidium of the Zionist General Council, but they shall not have deputies.
7. Any individual who wishes to participate in the Zionist General Council and is a member of a World Zionist Unions or an organization that is a member of the WZO or an individual member of the WZO shall be entitled to attend the Zionist General Council on a voluntary basis. The total number of delegates to the Zionist General Council shall not exceed 120 on a first come first served basis, but no single World Zionist Union or organization shall have more than 8 delegates.
8. World Zionist Unions and organization that are members of the WZO will have one voting representative each on the Zionist Executive. Each representative may have up to two deputies.

9. All paid positions in the National Institutions shall be by tender to ensure that the most qualified professional is chosen to hold the position. Position holders shall be chosen based on their professional qualifications and not their political affiliation.

10. A World Zionist Union will receive annual funding based on proven and certified activities on the basis of the same criteria used to allocate funds to projects approved for religious services in the Diaspora by the Jewish streams.

7.21. Amendment of Regulations: Register of Voters

Submitted by ARZENU,

The International Federation of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists

Whereas the method for being registered in the Register of Voters is vague,

Therefore the Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves that:

Rule 7 of the “**Rules for the Election of Delegates to the Zionist Congress**” shall now read:

“Every person entitled to vote in Congress elections, shall sign a declaration stating his/her full name, address, date of birth, contact information (telephone and / or email address) and declare that they are a Jew, 18 years of age, ascribe to the Jerusalem Program as defined by the Zionist General Council in 2004 and have fulfilled their obligations to Keren Hayesod – United Israel Appeal of the United Jewish Appeal in the U.S.A and to KK”L. The declaration must include an additional statement that the individual agrees to allow the Area Election Committee to publish his/her name in the Register of Voters for examination by individuals or by the Area Election Committee. Every Area Election Committee is obliged to require an individual to submit such a declaration in order for that person to be registered in the Register of Voters. Every Area Election Committee is entitled to check the veracity of any or all of the declarations submitted. Only a person who has signed such a declaration shall be registered in the Register of Voters. Only a person registered in the Register of Voters may vote in the election to Congress.”

7.22. Reconciliation of Article 2A and Article 7(b)

Submitted by ARZENU,

The International Federation of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists

Whereas the WZO accepts that justice, equality and democratic principles are the right of all human beings and in Article 7 (b) of the Constitution requires that every Federation comply with the requirement that there shall be no

“discrimination based on origin, nationality, race, gender or sexual orientation”; and

Whereas Article 2A of the WZO Constitution currently reads:

“Zionism is a movement which adheres to the basic principles of justice, equality and democracy and which rejects discrimination based on origin, nationality, race or gender;” and

Whereas the WZO recognizes the importance of equality for all religious streams and practices this principle in its ongoing procedures; and

Whereas it is important for the Constitution of the WZO to be consistent; and

Whereas there is a discrepancy in the wording between Article 7(b) and Article 2A,

Therefore the Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves that:

The wording in Articles 7(b) and 2A be reconciled, so that they are the same, and shall now include the words “religious belief” and shall therefore read:

Article 2A

1 “Zionism is a movement which adheres to the basic principles of justice, equality and democracy and which
 2 rejects discrimination based on origin, nationality, race, *religious belief, sexual orientation* or gender.”
 3 Article 7(b)

4 “Act according to the basics principles of justice, equality, and democracy, prevent the membership of
 5 bodies or individuals who adhere to or advocate discrimination based on origin, nationality, race, *religious*
 6 *belief, sexual orientation* or gender and conduct its affairs, having regard to the protection of the
 7 requirements of all members of the Federation.”
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9 **7.23. Amendment of Article 7: Zionist Federations**

10 *Submitted by ARZENU,*

11 *The International Federation of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists*

12 **Whereas** it is desirable to have clear, concise and enforceable criteria for the admission of Zionist
 13 organizations as members of Zionist Federations,

14 **The Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves that:**

15 Article 7 is amended as follows:

16 Article 7(a) delete

17 “A Federation is not entitled to refuse the admission of a body affiliated with a Zionist World Union”
 18 and add the following to Article 7(a):

19 “A Zionist organization shall meet the membership criteria of the Federation as set out in its
 20 Constitution or its By-laws or its Membership policy and shall as a minimum include the following
 21 criteria:

- 22 (a) *The organization shall have been established as a non-profit organization in the Federation’s*
 23 *country, incorporated or established as a non-profit in the country pursuant to the laws of*
 24 *the country;*
- 25 (b) *The organization shall have a registered head office in the Federation’s country and a Board*
 26 *of Directors comprising members of the organization who reside in the country;*
- 27 (c) *The organization shall provide evidence of substantial activity in the country at least two (2)*
 28 *years prior to the Zionist Congress in order to be eligible to participate in Congress elections*
 29 *and send Delegates and Deputies to the Zionist Congress.”*
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31 **7.24. Amendment of Article 47, Section 1: Number of Members of the Zionist Supreme** 32 **Court** *Submitted by ARZENU,*

33 *The International Federation of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists*

34 **Whereas** it is desirable that the Zionist Supreme Court consists of judges from Israel and the
 35 Diaspora,

36 **Therefore the Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves that:**

37 Article 47 Section 1 is amended as follows:

38 “The Zionist Supreme Court (herein “the Court”) shall consist of not more than 30 judges, with equal
 39 representation from Israel and the Diaspora, appointed by a Zionist Executive committee. The
 40 members of the Court shall select the President of the Court. All matters before the Court shall
 41 provide for the participation of Diaspora judges through electronic means including online cameras
 42 and language translation.”
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7.25. The Zionist Supreme Court

Submitted by ARZENU,

The International Federation of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists

Whereas the WZO desires to update and modernize its bodies and processes for the resolution of disputes that arise among and between the WZO, Federations, international Zionist organizations and any other bodies that are subject to the WZO Constitution; and

Whereas it is deemed to be in the best interests of the WZO in respect of resolving disputes in an efficient, effective and financially reasonable means;

Therefore the Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves:

1. All references to the Zionist Supreme Court in the WZO Constitution, Regulations and any other documents are hereby deleted and the Zionist Supreme Court shall cease to exist as of the date of the adoption of this Resolution;
2. In place of the Zionist Supreme Court, the WZO Constitution is amended by including the following provision in Section VI of the WZO Constitution:

“WZO Dispute Resolution Committee

Section 1 The WZO Dispute Resolution Committee shall be appointed by the Executive and consist of a maximum of ten (10) members, five (5) members from Israel and five (5) from the Diaspora, with the selection of each member based solely on each candidate’s experience and skills in dispute resolution.

Section 2 The WZO Dispute Resolution Committee has authority to deal with any disputes referred to it by any of the Zionist bodies affiliated with the WZO and the WZO, either as set out in the Zionist body’s Constitution, By-laws or Regulations or referred to it by agreement of the parties to the dispute.

Section 3 The WZO Dispute Resolution Committee shall establish the rules that will govern the process for the Committee’s deliberations and decisions.

Section 4 The decision of the WZO Dispute Resolution Committee is final and not subject to appeal.”

7.26. Amendment of Article 19

Submitted by Meretz World Union

Whereas in the current elections to the Zionist Congress, there were a number of legal disputes which delayed and impeded the process of election of delegates, and were detrimental to the work and proper planning towards the Congress, and possibly even to the factions’ achievements; and

Whereas the abrogation of the above Articles was exploited for the purpose of impairment to the representation of particular factions at Congress, and thus caused impairment to specific streams being able to make their voice heard; and

Whereas the Zionist Supreme Court decided to abrogate Section 2 of Article 19, which states that:

“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”;

and

Whereas the Zionist Supreme Court decided to abrogate Section 3 of Article 19, which states that:

“Should the AEC determine the suspension of elections for two consecutive Congresses, its decision must be approved by a 75% majority of the Central Elections Committee”;

and

Given that the abrogation of both the aforementioned sections has led to an impairment of due process in regional elections for delegates to the present Zionist Congress,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves:

That should the Area Election Committee determine, by a majority of 75%, that extenuating circumstances make the holding of elections impossible in the accepted manner, the Court is obligated to address itself to such cases using the accepted democratic methods and find equitable and adequate solutions.

7.27. Amendment of Article 51

Submitted by Meretz World Union

Whereas the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization determines in Article 51 that:

“The judgments of any bench of the Zionist Supreme Court shall be final and not subject to any appeal”; and In order to ensure due process in the Court that will preserve objectivity and the exhaustion of legal rights, in a manner similar to appeal procedures on court rulings in the State of Israel.

The Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves:

That the following should be added: *“The Appellant is entitled to request an appeal before an expanded bench with a majority of judges who have not discussed the petition. If three judges discussed the petition, the appeal in the case shall be heard before a bench of five judges.”*

7.28. Amendment of Article 54

Submitted by Meretz World Union

Whereas the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization determines in Article 54A, Section 4 that:

“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)”;

The Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby determines:

That instead of “the Attorney of the WZO”, it shall appoint: *“the Executive of the World Zionist Organization”*.

7.29. 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 XXXVII resolves as follows:

The Congress calls upon the Zionist Executive to declare a state of emergency in the wake of the antisemitic acts of terrorism perpetrated in Europe, based on Chapter 5 (State of Emergency) in the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization, in order to allow exceptional measures to be engaged towards significant activity that would act to curb and/or prevent acts of antisemitic terrorism in Europe.

7.30. A New Sub-Section to Article 2, Section 2A

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Whereas, in accordance with the Zionist Program – Jerusalem Program, as stated in Article 2, Section 1 of the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization, 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";

and

Whereas, in accordance with Article 2, Section 2 of the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization, the Jerusalem Program of 2004, as defined by the Zionist General Council XXXIV/3 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;"

and

Whereas the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization is not a source of political or legal authority in the State of Israel;

and

Whereas the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization does not determine social norms, because it is unsupported by a regular or Basic law of the State of Israel, and because its provisions do not compel the State of Israel's policy; and

Whereas the Basic Law on a Referendum approved by the Israel Knesset in 2014 does not relate to the Jewish people but to the Israeli people, by reason of being a Basic Law founded on the interpretation of the term "people" as "the group of citizens of a state", and in the specific case of the above law, to "the group of Israeli citizens residing in the State of Israel"; and

Whereas the legislated recognition of the existence of the Israeli people leads to denial of the definition of the State of Israel as the state of the Jewish people, by reason of the Jewish people not being the group of the Jewish state's citizens, a fact which testifies to the irrelevance of the concept of "the Jewish people" in a reality where assimilation occurs within Israeli society, originating with the integration of all its citizens that have no declared religion or belong to different religions that are not recognized as Jewish by the State of Israel; and

Whereas Jewish identity in the State of Israel is defined by religious considerations alone, without consideration of citizenship as a basis for the legal definition of the people which it represents at international level, by reason of the State of Israel's definition of the Israeli people in the Basic Law on Referendum in accordance with its inhabitants' Israeli citizenship, which contradicts the above-designated aspiration of the Zionist movement and acts as an impediment to the fulfillment of the World Zionist Organization's goals, under Article 2, Section 2 of the Constitution,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To add a new section [Section 2] to Article 2, Section 2A of the Constitution, headed "*The Nature of Zionism*", as follows:

The World Zionist Organization shall promote public discussion on the importance of changing the name of the Jewish state: from "Israel" to "Judea", in order to prevent the national formation of an Israeli people, and in order to renew the Jewish people as a political reality, in keeping with historic precedents that existed in the days of the Kingdom of Judea, where the Jewish people represented the group of citizens of the Jewish (Judean) state.