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8.1. Period of Eligibility

Submitted by Meretz World Union

Whereas bodies affiliated with the World Zionist Organization have been established in the Inter-Congress period that did not have sufficient time to facilitate due and appropriate governance, in accordance with the accepted procedures in the World Zionist Organization and the National Institutions,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves:

That any new entity that is established in the Inter-Congress period is obliged to undergo a period of eligibility, during which it shall be determined whether this entity does indeed meet all the requirements and the proper and accepted criteria in compliance with the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization and the Zionist institutions.

The Zionist Congress resolves:

To impose a period of eligibility of two years prior to the convening of the Zionist Congress for new entities and organizations, both in Israel and internationally, including the presentation of financial reports.

8.2. Amendment of Article 22, Section 1

Submitted by Meretz World Union

Whereas the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization determines in Article 22, Section 1 that:

“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”,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves:

To **append** that the “certain period” prior to the opening of the Zionist Congress shall be at least two years.

8.3. Amendment of Article 22, Section 2

Submitted by Meretz World Union

Whereas the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization determines in Article 22, Section 2, that:

“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”; and

In order to prevent change or distortion of the composition of the factions in that country,

The Zionist Congress hereby XXXVII resolves:

That a conditional clause should be added, so that the person entitled to vote in elections to the Zionist Congress shall hold either citizenship or permanent resident status in the country where he or she votes.

8.4. Amendment Regulation 10B (a) for the Implementation of the Constitution

Submitted by Meretz World Union

Whereas the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization determines in Regulation 10B (a) that:

“The Inner and Outer 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”)”,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves:

That the committee shall transmit its decisions to the Court, which shall enforce the implementation of the directive upon the officers and, should the Directives not be implemented, the Member of Executive shall be removed from office in order to preserve proper administrative procedure.

8.5. Amendment of Article 47

Submitted by Meretz World Union

Whereas the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization determines in Article 47, Section 2 that:

“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/her Deputies, the officials of the World Zionist Organization and the Central Zionist Bodies shall not be eligible for membership of the Court”; and

In order to prevent extraneous or conflicting interests entering the considerations of the Court members, who are charged with oversight of the due conduct of the National Institutions,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves:

To insert in the sentence, after: “the Attorney of the World Zionist Organization and his/her Deputies” the addition: *“anyone with a business connection to any of the elected officials in the National Institutions, or to the institutions themselves.”*

8.6. Imposition of Fines for Failure to Comply with Resolutions of the Congress and General Council in Relation to the Representation of Women and Young People

Submitted by Meretz World Union

Whereas the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization determines in Article 5, Section 4 (ac) that:

“At least 30% 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”; and

Whereas in Article 23, Amendment of 2011, it states:

“At least 30% of the members on each list of candidates to the Congress shall be women. Such representation may overlap the representation of the young generation”; and

Whereas the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization determines in Article 26, Section 4 (e) that:

“At least one quarter of the representatives of bodies affiliated to the Zionist Congress as defined in this Section, will be from the ranks of the young generation as defined in Article 23”;

and

Whereas the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization determines in Article 5, Section 4 (ab) that:

“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”; and

Whereas the State of Israel’s Declaration of Independence enshrines a commitment “to ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex;”

and

Whereas Herzl, the founder of the Zionist movement, recognized the importance of egalitarianism and initiated the right to vote for women at the Zionist Congress, in a period when women did not have the right to vote; and

Whereas women comprise over 51% of the population; and

Whereas gender equality in general, and the advancement of women in particular and their involvement are in the national interest of the Zionist State of Israel; and

Whereas it is incumbent upon the Zionist movement to refresh its ranks and create greater involvement and engagement among the young generation for the Zionist idea in the State of Israel,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves:

To amend the Constitution so that fines will be imposed on factions that do not comply with the regulations of the Constitution in relation to the proper representation of women and young people within WZO entities, including those entities where WZO has control by virtue of shares, ownership and/or funding.

8.7. Quota for Women Delegates at the Zionist Congress

Submitted by Eliezer Shefer and David Ben Naeh,

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

Whereas the international women's organizations represented in the World Zionist Organization, such as World WIZO, World Naamat and World Emunah, play significant and highly important roles in the Zionist movement; and

Whereas the status of women in the Zionist movement and its institutions in Israeli society and Diaspora Jewish communities is today steadfast, important, and highly influential, and they no longer have a need for the gratuitous quotas,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To abrogate earlier resolutions in the matter of a quota for women delegates to the Zionist Congress.

8.8. Amendment of Article 5, Section 4 (ac)

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

Amendment of Article 5, Section 4 (ac), reading:

"At least 30% 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."

Whereas the women's international Jewish organizations are represented at the Zionist Congress solely by women; and

Whereas women are well represented in all the World Unions; and

Whereas women are properly and respectably represented in their own right at the Zionist Congress and its elected bodies and no longer require special quotas,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To abrogate Article 5, Section 4 (ac).

8.9. The Representation of Women

(based on the Resolutions of the Zionist General Council XXXVI)

Submitted by the World Meretz Union Faction

Whereas Herzl, the founder of the Zionist movement, recognized the importance of egalitarianism and initiated the right to vote for women at the Zionist Congress in a period when women did not have the right to vote; and

Whereas women account for over 51% of the population; and

Whereas Zionism is a movement which advocates the principles of justice, equality and democracy, as detailed in the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization; and

Whereas the State of Israel's Declaration of Independence enshrines a commitment to "*ensure complete equality of social and political rights for all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race, or gender*"; and

Whereas in Israel a 'Law on Equal Rights for Women' was passed in 1951 (5711); and

Whereas the State of Israel was among the first countries to sign the 'Covenant on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women' which entered into law in 1981; and

Whereas equality between the sexes in general and the advancement of women and their involvement are in the Zionist State of Israel's national interest; and

Whereas women in the Diaspora play a distinguished role in the identification with the centrality of the State of Israel, the prevention of assimilation and in maintaining Jewish tradition and identity; and

Whereas women in Israel and the Diaspora are rising increasingly to prominent status in economic life and at work; and

Whereas the World Zionist Organization has a commitment to exercise equality between the genders and to integrate women in WZO entities; and

Whereas women represent approximately one half of the Jewish people, and they – as individuals, as members in women's organizations, and in other Zionist organizations – play an important part in Zionist activity and the revival of the Jewish people in its own land; and

Whereas the Zionist General Council XXXVI (2012) was dedicated to women in the Zionist enterprise and adopted various resolutions on the subject, including the conduct of advocacy activity and encouragement of women to play a part in social / public / political activity within all the institutions of the Zionist movement in Israel and around the world, and that in every institution of the Zionist movement there must be proper representation of women and at least 33% must be women, and that this resolution would be implemented within the next four years. Similarly, that the World Zionist Organization would implement proper representation for women (representation of at least 40% from every sector as the target) as speakers and participants at all events within the National Institutions,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby resolves that:

1. Henceforth, every faction shall be obligated to a representation of 30% women, including for alternates.
2. Monetary fines will be imposed on factions that do not implement this instruction.

8.10. Elimination of Zionist Congress Sex and Age Discrimination and Quotas

Submitted by Mr. Morton Klein, the Zionist Organization of America

Whereas, the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel states that the State of Israel will uphold political and social equality without distinction of sex; and

Whereas, the laws of many nations from which Zionist Congress delegates are elected or chosen also forbid discrimination based on sex and age, including "reverse discrimination"; and

Whereas, various laws, including the United States “Age Discrimination in Employment Act” forbid discrimination against persons *over* age 40; and

Whereas, the Israeli Declaration of Independence and the laws of many nations are violated by the following World Zionist Organization (WZO) Constitutional requirements:

(i) that 30% of delegates must be women (Article 5, Section 4-ac and Article 23-b)

(ii) that 25% of delegates must be under age 35 (Article 5, Section 4-ab and Article 23-b); and

Whereas, the WZO Constitution’s women and young generation requirements conflict with the WZO Constitution’s requirements in Article 7-b, which requires WZO members to act according to principles of equality, and specifically prohibits discrimination based on gender; and

Whereas, the WZO Constitution’s women and young generation requirements have unintended consequences which have in many instances resulted in placing women and young generation candidates in a worse position on a list than they would occupy without these requirements; and

Whereas, the WZO Constitution’s women and young generation requirements unfairly discriminate against persons who have dedicated many decades of their lives to the service of their organizations and the Zionist cause; and

Whereas, the WZO Constitution’s women and young generation requirements cause Zionist organizations and Zionist Federations many hours and many days of unnecessary work and complexity in the formulation and review of candidate lists – time which would be better spent on these organizations’ substantive work for the Zionist cause; and

Whereas, the WZO Constitution’s women and young generation requirements unfairly discriminate in favor of all-women Zionist organizations; and

Whereas, the WZO Constitution’s women and young generation requirements raise troubling “gender identification issues” and “age identification issues” which would not arise if these discriminatory requirements are eliminated: Specifically, in the United States, because the American Zionist Movement permits anyone to vote who “identifies” as Jewish, and because of recent highly-publicized “transgender” and transracial cases in which persons “identified” with another sex or race, WZO candidates have been requesting that they be permitted to identify as a person of another sex or age group; and

Whereas, the bodies which comprise the Zionist Congress wish to reaffirm their commitment to not discriminate against any candidate on the basis of his or her sex or age (provided that said candidate is at least 18 years of age);

It is hereby resolved that:

1. The World Zionist Organization Constitution’s delegate quotas regarding women and the young generation (including Article 5, Section 4-ab and 4-ac, and Article 23-a and 23-b) are hereby eliminated; and
2. The organizations comprising the Zionist Congress hereby affirm their commitment to not discriminate against any candidate on the basis of his or her sex or age (provided that said candidate is at least 18 years of age).

8.11. Anti-BDS Resolution

Submitted by Mr. Morton Klein, the Zionist Organization of America

Whereas, Theodor Herzl, who founded this Zionist Congress and was instrumental in the rebirth of the Jewish State, wrote in his inspiring famous books *The Jewish State* and *The*

Altneuland, that anti-Jewish boycotts and imposts (the equivalent of sanctions) were types of persecutions against Jews that made a Jewish State necessary; and

Whereas, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that those who engage in boycotts, divestment and sanctions ("BDS") against Jews and Israel *"want to see the end of the Jewish state"* and are *"classical anti-Semites in modern garb"*; and

Whereas, opposition leader and former Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni stated that boycotts *"undermine [...] positive relations"*; and

Whereas, the Israeli Supreme Court recently called BDS against Jewish and Israeli businesses as "political terrorism" and upheld Israel's anti-boycott law; and

Whereas, the Israeli Supreme Court's recent decision upholding Israel's anti-boycott law further held that BDS directed at territories controlled by Israel is also unlawful; and

Whereas the Israeli Supreme Court properly held that BDS is activity, and that penalizing BDS is not a matter of "free speech";

Whereas, BDS against Jews in Israel or Israeli-controlled territories is unlawful under New York State law and Illinois State law, and numerous U.S. states either have or are in the process of passing anti-BDS resolutions and laws; and

Whereas, BDS has caused both Jews and Arabs working in or with Jewish businesses to lose their livelihoods; and

Whereas, BDS groups also target worldwide Jewry, and coerce, threaten and intimidate others to harm world Jewry; for instance, BDS groups recently forced the expulsion of American Jewish singer Matisyahu from a major European reggae festival – and when the festival operators finally apologized and re-invited Matisyahu, the festival operators revealed that the BDS groups engaged in a "campaign of pressure, coercion and threats, threatening to affect the festival from functioning normally"; and

Whereas, BDS groups have violently attacked Jewish students on college campuses; and

Whereas, BDS groups admit that their goal is the destruction of the State of Israel; and

Whereas, BDS against Jews and Israelis in all its forms, including but not limited to "partial" BDS of Jewish and Israeli businesses and cultural and academic institutions over the 1949 Armistice lines, sanctions of certain Israeli officials, and full BDS of all of Israel, is an extremely serious threat, harmful to the State of Israel, anti-Semitic, and harmful to peaceful co-existence with Arab workers and neighbors, and completely counter to the fundamental founding principles of the Zionist Congress; and

Whereas groups and individuals that promote "partial" BDS of Jewish and Israeli businesses and cultural and academic institutions over the 1949 Armistice lines have expanded their BDS activities to numerous entities within the 1949 Armistice lines, and admit that interconnections among business and institutions make it impossible to "restrict" BDS solely to businesses and cultural and academic institutions centers over the 1949 Armistice lines; and

Whereas, groups and individuals that promote and engage in BDS are causing economic harm to the State of Israel and all its people, and Jews throughout the world; and have no place at the Zionist Congress; and

Whereas, groups and individuals that promote and engage in BDS violate the World Zionist Organization Constitution (WZO)'s non-discrimination membership requirements; and

Whereas, despite the fact that groups and individuals that promote and engage in BDS violate the World Zionist Organization Constitution's non-discrimination membership requirements, the WZO "Supreme Court" ignored the WZO Constitution and ignored the Israeli Supreme Court's rulings, and refused to remove groups that promote and engage in BDS from Zionist Congress elections; and

Whereas examples of prohibited BDS activities include (without limitation): bringing leaders of the BDS movement to college campuses or conferences; honoring BDS leaders; boycotting or promoting boycotts of Jewish or Israeli businesses or cultural institutions located past the 1949 Armistice lines; boycotting or promoting boycotts of Israeli or Jewish business; promoting international sanctions against certain Israeli officials; boycotting or promoting boycotts of companies that do business in or with Israel including past the 1949 Armistice lines; boycotting Israeli artists and performers; and providing funding to groups that engage in these or any other BDS activities,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII hereby adopts the following rule and amendment to the World Zionist Organization Constitution:

"If any group or individual, or any of its affiliates, subsidiaries or grantees, engages in any of the following prohibited BDS activities: supporting, financing, funding, promoting, honoring, providing platforms for, sponsoring, advocating for or otherwise participating in boycotts, divestment or sanctions (BDS) against Jewish or Israeli businesses, cultural institutions, performers, artists, officials, individuals, academics, academic institutions, or other Jewish or Israeli entities, then said group or individual shall automatically immediately be suspended from membership in all of the entities described in the World Zionist Organization Constitution, including its local Zionist Federation, and automatically suspended from all rights and privileges pertaining to such membership, and said group and its officers and directors shall be ineligible to run in Zionist Congress elections and shall be ineligible to become delegates to the Zionist Congress.

Suspension shall occur immediately if within fifteen (15) days after evidence is provided to the head of the WZO Executive that a group or individual is engaged in prohibited BDS activities, and provides a copy of said evidence by email to the person or group engaging in prohibited BDS activities, the entity or person charged with engaging in prohibited BDS activities fails to demonstrate that he/she/it is not engaged in BDS activities.

A group or individual that is suspended under this provision shall be entitled to reinstatement if said group or individual can demonstrate that it has ceased and desisted from, and formally renounced all prohibited BDS activities for at least one (1) year."

8.12. Amendment of Article 34 – Annual Session of the Council

Submitted by MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami

Whereas participants in a Zionist Congress - as delegates, alternates and observers - are often without connections to the World Zionist Organization between Congresses, and

Whereas creating opportunities for greater awareness and involvement among persons living outside of Israel will benefit the World Zionist Organization, Zionist Federations and their constituent organizations, and

Whereas there are many issues to be dealt with by the Zionist movement specific to particular regions,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

That Article 34 of the Constitution shall be amended, by adding after the existing text as Section 1, a new Section 2 and Section 3, as follows:

Section 2:

Section 1 notwithstanding, the Presidium of the Council may decide to replace one annual session in the period between Congresses with regional meetings, provided that

(a) all members of the Council are invited to participate in one of the regional meetings,

(b) matters, if any, requiring a formal meeting or vote of the Zionist General Council during that year, may be accomplished by electronic, telecommunication or other means to allow for participation of all General Council members without the need for additional travel, and

(c) that such regional meetings be conducted in cooperation with the Zionist Federation(s) in place in each geographic area.

Section 3:

The regional meetings provided for in Section 2 may, at the discretion of the Presidium, be open to the participation of all attendees of the previous Zionist Congress.

8.13. Amendment of Article 5, Section 1 (Zionist Shekel)

Submitted by MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami

Whereas the reinstitution of the Zionist shekel would serve to generate pride in the Zionist movement and root its members in the traditions of the past,

Be it resolved:

That in Article 5, Section 1, the words: "pay membership dues" be replaced by the words: "*purchase the Zionist shekel*".

8.14. Renewal of the Zionist Shekel and Abrogation of the Per Capita Tax

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

Whereas Delegates to the Zionist Congress are required to pay a tax to the National Institutions-Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael via the World Unions and Organizations; and

Whereas the principal source of the World Zionist Organization's budget, which also grants allocations to the World Unions and **some** of the international organizations, is from KKL's budget,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To abrogate the arrangement for the collective payment to KKL and compel Delegates to make an individual contribution of the "Zionist shekel".

8.15. Changing the Name of the Zionist General Council

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

Whereas the Zionist movement aspires to incorporate the young generation within its entities and enterprises; and

Whereas the concepts, definitions and titles of the Zionist entities are outdated and unknown to the people of our time,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To rename the Zionist General Council, which shall henceforth be known as either: "*The Zionist Movement World Council*," or: "*The Legislative Council of the World Zionist Organization*."

8.16. Amendment of Article 5, Section 5

Submitted by MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami

Whereas the word "Member" as defined in Article 3 of the Constitution refers to individual members joining the WZO, as well as to Zionist Territorial Organizations, Jewish international bodies, and more, and

Whereas it is illogical and unreasonable to expect that an individual member and a Zionist Federation would pay the same membership fee to the WZO, and

Whereas no membership fees have been levied upon Members for decades,

Be it hereby resolved:

That Article 5, Section 5 be abrogated.

8.17. Amendment of Article 7 (h) and Article 60 A

Submitted by MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami

Whereas the UJA no longer exists, and

Whereas the umbrella group of Jewish Federations in North America has changed its name a number of times in recent years,

Be it hereby resolved:

That the letters "UJA" in Articles 7 (h) and 60A be replaced by "*the umbrella group of Jewish Federations of North America.*"

Furthermore,

Whereas there has been no oversight for decades regarding the implementation of Article 7 (h), Article 60 A and Regulation 11 for Implementation of the Constitution, all dealing with the obligations of individual members of the WZO to fulfill their obligations to the National Funds, and

Whereas it is not practical to enforce the implementation of this provision, and

Whereas the WZO needs to raise funds of its own,

Be it hereby resolved:

That the entire matter of WZO member and officer obligations to the National Funds be reviewed by the Executive and that its recommendations in regard to appropriate constitutional changes be presented to the Zionist General Council in the course of 2016.

8.18. Amendment of Article 11, Section 2

Submitted by MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami

Whereas the vitality of the Zionist Movement is dependent on the existence of healthy and dynamic Zionist Federations, and

Whereas there are many countries in which a Zionist Federation is not operating as it should nor in fulfillment of its obligations as stipulated in the Constitution,

Be it hereby resolved:

That Article 11, Section 2 be revised by deletion of the words crossed out and the addition of Section 2 (b) and (c), as follows:

"Section 2 (a) Subject to the provisions of Article 7A, ~~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 in those countries where there is no Zionist Federation in good standing.

Section 2 (b) *A list of Zionist Federations in good standing shall be approved on an annual basis by the Zionist Court upon the recommendation of the Outer Executive*

Section 2 (c) *The Outer Executive shall make its recommendation to the Court in consideration of the degree to which a Zionist Federation has fulfilled its obligations as stipulated in the*

1 *Constitution, including, but not limited to its having elected its officers at an Annual General*
 2 *Meeting within the prescribed time frame.*

4 **8.19. Amendment of Article 14 (e)**

5 *Submitted by MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami*

6 **Whereas** the position of Treasurer was replaced by the position of Deputy Chair of the WZO,
 7 and

8 **Whereas** the term “Treasurer” still appears in the Constitution,

9 **Be it hereby resolved:**

10 That the word “Treasurer” be replaced with the word, “*Deputy Chair*”.

12 **8.20. Amendment of Article 18, Section 1**

13 *Submitted by MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami*

14 **Whereas** the committee to determine the number of delegates for each Electoral Area is
 15 required to have suitable Diaspora representation, and

16 **Whereas** such representation has not been adequately defined,

17 **Be it hereby resolved:**

18 That Article 18, Section 1 be clarified by the addition of a paragraph to Regulation 2, as follows:

19 “*At least one third of the members of the Mandates Committee shall be resident outside of*
 20 *Israel and represent, between them, at least three continents.*”

22 **8.21. Amendment of Articles 19 and 20** 23 **and the Regulations for their Implementation**

24 *Submitted by MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami*

25 **Whereas** democratic values are integral to the nature of the World Zionist Organization, and
 26 **Whereas** the election of delegates to the Zionist Congress is a fundamental expression of
 27 those democratic values, and

28 **Whereas** the electoral process as currently implemented has become increasingly
 29 characterized by acrimony, rancor, and political intrigue among the various parties competing
 30 for Congress representation, and

31 **Whereas** the time, energy and resources currently being expended on Congress elections
 32 often surpasses that which is being expended on Zionist activity, and

33 **Whereas** the number of individuals actually taking part in the electoral process is miniscule,
 34 and

35 **Whereas** more often than not, Congress representation is ultimately determined by political
 36 agreement rather than open and general elections, and

37 **Whereas** such agreements actually undermine the democratic process rather than furthering
 38 it, and

39 **Whereas** the technological means now exist for facilitating democratic elections in a manner
 40 that could minimize the negative aspects referred to above,

41 **Be it hereby resolved:**

42 That Article 19 of the Constitution, which states that:

43 “The delegates [to the Congress] shall be elected in each electoral area (country) in accordance with a
 44 method consistent with generally accepted democratic principles,”

be amended by the deletion of the words that have been crossed out and insertions, as follows:

Article 19

Section 1:

The delegates to the Congress shall be elected in each electoral area (country) ~~with a method consistent with generally accepted democratic principles.~~ *outside of Israel in accordance with a unified and centralized electoral process, based primarily on an international on-line electoral platform with adequate provision to be made for the mailing in of paper ballots.*

Section 2

(a) In those countries where a Zionist Federation is recognized as a member in good standing of the WZO, delegates to the Zionist Congress shall be elected in cooperation with it.

(b) The list of Zionist Federations in good standing shall be approved by the Zionist Court upon the recommendation of the Outer Executive no later than 18 months prior to the convening of the Congress.

(c) The Outer Executive shall make its recommendation to the Court in consideration of the degree to which a Zionist Federation has fulfilled its obligations as stipulated in the Constitution, including, but not limited to its having elected its officers at an Annual General Meeting within the prescribed time frame and having established a functioning local tribunal.

(d) Notwithstanding the above, matters regarding the representation of Jewish communities in countries where there is no Zionist Federation in good standing shall be determined by the Central Election Committee, subject to any stipulations included in the Standing Orders for Congress elections.

Section 3: Only those who have purchased the Zionist Shekel in accordance with the Standing Orders for the Election of Congress delegates shall be eligible to present their candidacy and vote in Congress Elections.

Article 20

Section 1: 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 *on the condition that all bodies in that electoral area which were represented at the previous Congress agree to this arrangement.*

Section 3: The Area Election Committee shall be responsible for the ~~conduct~~ *implementation* of the Congress elections *in accordance with the unified and centralized electoral process specified in Article 19* ~~the area in respect of which it is constituted.~~

Section 4

(a) 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~~ *overseeing the implementation of* 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.

(b) *The Zionist Executive shall establish 18 months prior to the Congress a professionally staffed Congress Office to facilitate the Central Elections Committee in fulfilling its mandate.*

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

Regulations for the Implementation of the Constitution:

Article 19, Section 1

- (a) *The unified and centralized electoral process shall be detailed in a set of Standing Orders for the Election of Congress delegates.*
- (b) *These Standing Orders shall be presented to the Zionist General Council for its approval no later than December 31, 2017 upon the recommendation of an Elections Committee to be constituted no later than December 31, 2015 by the Chair of the Zionist General Council and comprised of one representative of each World Union, at least half of whom shall be resident outside of Israel.*
- (c) *Members of the Zionist Executive who serve as salaried portfolio holders shall serve as ex officio members of the Elections Committee in an advisory capacity without voting rights.*
- (d) *The members of the Committee with voting rights shall elect a chair from among themselves and determine their own rules of operation.*
- (e) *The Elections Committee shall have the guidance of the WZO Legal Advisor and be staffed by at least one professional in the employ of the WZO, to be determined jointly by the Chairs of the Zionist General Council and the Zionist Executive.*
- (f) *The Standing Orders established by the Electoral Committee will include a process for establishing an Area Election Committee and shall define its mandate and authority which will be limited to those matters not otherwise dealt with in the Standing Orders for Congress Elections.*
- (g) *The Standing Orders shall include, inter alia, the criteria determining a body's eligibility to field candidates for election, the timing of the elections, and the criteria for being included among those eligible to vote (the Voter Registry), including any stipulation regarding the amount of time one need be a member of the WZO or a Zionist Federation, the cost of the Zionist Shekel, etc.*

**8.22. Effecting the Resignation of Representatives of World Unions,
Factions and Organizations within the National Institutions**

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

Whereas individuals who are appointed to or elected to volunteer positions within the National Institutions as representatives of bodies affiliated with the WZO (World Unions, Factions, or International Organizations) may undertake new or different responsibilities during the period between their appointment and the next Zionist Congress, and

Whereas such individuals may also change their positions and views on a variety of issues directly related to their service within the National Institutions, and

Whereas such changes may be inconsistent with the premises on which that individual was selected for service and have a negative effect on the World Union, Faction or international organization responsible for that individual's selection,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

1. In any instance in which an individual has been elected or appointed to the Zionist Executive or Expanded Executive, the Zionist General Council or its presidium and any of its committees, the Jewish Agency Board of Governors or Executive, the directorate of Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael, or any other position at the instance of a World Union, Faction, or International Organization and has entered into a written agreement that he/she will resign from that position when officially requested to do so by the officers or executive committee of that World Union, Faction, or International Organization, confirmed by having signed an undated form of resignation, that agreement and resignation shall be recognized and given effect by the World Zionist Organization, so long as the member of

the Zionist Executive or Expanded Executive whose resignation is being dated and submitted is given no less than fourteen (14) days written notice of the decision to submit the resignation and written notification of the decision and compliance with this provision is provided to the Chairman of the World Zionist Organization.

2. In such instance, the position shall be filled in accordance with the applicable provisions for vacancies.

8.23. Effecting the Resignation of Members of the Inner Executive

Amendment to Article 41, Section 1

Submitted by Dr. Stephen Wolnek and Mr. Alan Silberman, MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami

Whereas individuals who are elected to positions within the National Institutions as representatives of bodies affiliated with the WZO (World Unions, Factions, or International Organizations) may change their affiliations and/or their ideological positions directly related to their service within the National Institutions, and

Whereas such changes may be inconsistent with the premises on which that individual was selected for service and adversely impact on the World Union, Faction, or International Organization responsible for that individual's selection,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To amend Article 41, Section 1 by adding the following as Sections 1 e, f, and g:

Section 1.e. In the instance of an individual who has been elected to the Inner Executive whose candidacy was put forward by a World Union, Faction, or International Organization, and who has entered into a written agreement that he/she will resign from that position when officially requested to do so by the executive of that World Union, Faction, or International Organization, such agreement shall be recognized by the World Zionist Organization.

Section 1.f. In such an instance, the position shall be filled in accordance with the applicable provisions for filling vacancies.

Section 1.g The above notwithstanding, Section 1.e shall not apply to the individuals elected directly by the Congress to fill the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Executive.

The relevant section of the Constitution currently reads as follows:

Article 41, Section 1

The Congress shall elect an Inner 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 Jewish international bodies and WIZO (Articles 5(4) and 26(4)), in accordance with the conditions of their membership, who shall serve as members of the Executive without portfolio.

8.24. Effecting the Resignation of Members of the Outer Executive

Amendment to Article 41, Section 2 - A

Submitted by Dr. Stephen Wolnek and Mr. Alan Silberman, MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami

Whereas individuals who are elected to positions within the National Institutions as representatives of bodies affiliated with the WZO (World Unions, Factions, or International Organizations) may change their affiliations and/or their ideological positions directly related to their service within the National Institutions, and

Whereas such changes may be inconsistent with the premises on which that individual was selected for service and adversely impact on the World Union, Faction, or International Organization responsible for that individual's selection,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To amend Article 41, Section 2 – A, by adding the following to it:

In the instance of an individual who has been elected to the Outer Executive whose candidacy was put forward by a World Union, Faction, or International Organization, and who has entered into a written agreement that he/she will resign from that position when officially requested to do so by the executive of that World Union, Faction, or International Organization, such agreement shall be recognized by the World Zionist Organization.

In such an instance, the position shall be filled in accordance with the applicable provisions for filling vacancies.

The relevant section of the Constitution currently reads as follows:

Article 41

Section 2

The Congress shall elect an Outer Executive which shall comprise:

- (1) All the members of the Inner 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 Inner Executive. Election of members of the Outer Executive from this group, who are not Members of the Inner 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 Inner Executive.

8.25. Effecting the Resignation of Members of the Zionist General Council

Amendment to Article 32, Section 1

Submitted by Dr. Stephen Wolnek and Mr. Alan Silberman, MERCAZ Olami and Masorti Olami

Whereas individuals who are elected to positions within the National Institutions as representatives of bodies affiliated with the WZO (World Unions, Factions, or International Organizations) may change their affiliations and/or their ideological positions directly related to their service within the National Institutions during their term of office, and

Whereas such changes may be inconsistent with the premises on which that individual was selected for service and adversely impact on the World Union, Faction, or International Organization responsible for that individual's selection,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves:

To amend Article 32, Section 1 by adding the following to it:

In the instance of an individual who has been elected to the Zionist General Council whose candidacy was put forward by a World Union, Faction, or International Organization, and who has entered into a written agreement that he/she will resign from that position when officially requested to do so by the executive of that World Union, Faction, or International Organization, such agreement shall be recognized by the World Zionist Organization.

In such an instance, the position shall be filled in accordance with the applicable provisions for filling vacancies.

The relevant section of the Constitution currently reads as follows:

Article 32, Section 1

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 30% 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.

8.26. Implementation of Congress and ZGC Resolutions

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

Whereas numerous resolutions have been adopted by the Zionist Congress and the ZGC that have not been implemented, and

Whereas many of these resolutions are substantive and not merely declarative and express the will of the constituents on matters of policy, ideology and practice, and

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Executive to execute these resolutions and of the ZGC to oversee their implementation,

Be it hereby resolved:

That the Zionist Executive establish a **Resolutions Implementation Committee** no later than December 31, 2015, charged with reviewing all resolutions passed by the Congress and the ZGC from 2010 onwards and prioritizing them for implementation, submitting its recommendation to the Outer Executive no later than February 15, 2016.

Be it further resolved that the Presidium establish a **Resolutions Review Committee** that shall have the responsibility of reviewing progress regarding the implementation of resolutions and that it report to the entire ZGC every six months, beginning in June, 2016.

8.27. Implementation of the Directives of the Congress and General Council

Submitted by the World Confederation of United Zionists

Whereas, pursuant to Article 14(a) of the Constitution of the World Zionist Organization (the "WZO Constitution"), the Zionist Congress (the "Congress") may, among other things, receive and consider the report of the Executive (as defined in the WZO Constitution), including a report on the activities of the institutions of the World Zionist Organization (the "WZO");

Whereas, pursuant to Article 15 and Article 30, Section 1 of the WZO Constitution, the Zionist General Council (the "Council") is authorized to monitor and ensure the Executives' proper and timely implementation of the directives of the Congress and the Council (the "Directives"); and

Whereas, the Congress has determined that it is in the best interests of the WZO to amend the WZO Constitution to ensure that the Directives are properly implemented in a timely manner.

Therefore, be it resolved:

That Article 30, Section 1 of the WZO Constitution be and it hereby is, amended by inserting the following Section 1A after Section 1:

"(a) The Inner and Outer Executive (collectively, for purposes of this Article 30, Section 1A only, the "Executive") shall implement the directives of the Congress or the Council (the "Directives"). The Council shall establish a committee of its members, who are not members of the Executive, to observe and report to the 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, his or her obligation to (i) implement the Directives or (ii) provide the information or documents requested by the Implementation Committee in a timely manner, the Implementation Committee may recommend that the Council take further action to ensure that the Directives are properly implemented, including, but not limited to, reprimanding or removing such Subject Person from office, in accordance with paragraph (d) below.
- (d) The Council may only reprimand or remove a Subject Person upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council present at a duly constituted meeting of the Council; provided, that no Subject Person shall be removed from the Executive unless:
- (i) such Subject Person has received at least 20 business days' prior written notice from the Council which notice shall (x) state that the Council is considering the removal of such Subject Person from the Executive, (y) set forth the reasons for which the Council is considering such removal and (z) set the date and time of the meeting of the Council at which such removal shall be voted on;
 - (ii) each member of the Executive and the Council is furnished with a copy of the written notice delivered to such Subject Person being considered for removal;
 - (iii) such Subject Person has been afforded a full and fair opportunity to contest such removal at the meeting of the Council called to vote on such Subject Person's removal; and
 - (iv) each other member of the Executive and each member of the Council has had a reasonable opportunity to present his or her views on the removal being considered.
- (e) Each Subject Person shall comply with such Subject Person's obligations set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) above within the time period specified by the Congress, the Council, or the Implementation Committee, as applicable, or if no such time period is specified, within a reasonable time period.
- (f) If any other provision of this Constitution conflicts or is otherwise inconsistent with this Article 30, Section 1A in relation to the subject matter set forth herein, this Article 30, Section 1A shall govern with respect to such subject matter; provided, that this Article 30, Section 1A shall not be deemed to limit any other provision of this Constitution that purports to grant the Council powers or authority to ensure that the Directives are properly implemented in a timely manner."

8.29. Authorization of the Zionist General Council to Change the Constitution

Submitted by the World Confederation of United Zionists

Whereas, Article 64 of the WZO Constitution provides for delegation of authority to the Zionist General Council to amend the WZO Constitution; and

Whereas, the 37th Zionist Congress considers it necessary and expedient to delegate its powers to amend the Constitution, to the Zionist General Council,

Therefore, be it resolved,

That the 37th Zionist Congress does and hereby delegates to the Zionist General Council the power to amend the Constitution, pursuant to Article 64, such delegation to remain in effect until the 38th Zionist Congress.

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8.30. Governance and Federations (2)

Submitted by the AMERICAN ZIONIST MOVEMENT

Whereas effective review of the status of resolutions adopted by the Zionist Congress and the Zionist General Council is essential and needs to be strengthened,

The Zionist Congress XXXVII resolves that:

1. An Oversight Committee of the Zionist General Council in which no less than fifty per cent (50%) of its members are individuals from outside of Israel and individuals involved in the work of Zionist Federations shall be established to monitor compliance with resolutions and to report, in writing, to the Zionist General Council, the Outer Executive and the heads of Zionist Federations.
2. If any officer, office, department, or other entity within the World Zionist Organization fails to implement adopted resolutions applicable to his, her or its activities and such failure continues for six (6) months after notice of such failure given by the Oversight Committee without due and sufficient explanation for such failure, the Oversight Committee shall recommend a budgetary reduction, as it determines to be appropriate, for such officer, office, department, or other entity as a consequence of such non-compliance.

8.31. Transferring Resolution Proposals which were not Finalized to the Zionist General Council

Submitted by the World Confederation of United Zionists

In accordance with Section 16 (d) of the Standing Orders of the Zionist Congress,

It is resolved:

To transfer the resolution proposals, which were not finalized in the committees of the Zionist Congress XXXVII, as proposals for discussion at next year's Zionist General Council session.