

# **Resolutions**

**Zionist General Council XXXVIII/2**

**World Zionist Organization**

1 **1.2 Strengthening Jewish Pride and Zionist Identity**

2 Submitted by the American Zionist Movement

3 **Whereas** Israel will soon celebrate 75 years since its establishment; and,  
4 **Whereas** since its establishment, Israel has brought Jewish life and culture to new heights;  
5 and,  
6 **Whereas** the Zionist movement was integral in the creation of what is today clearly a  
7 miracle - the strong and prosperous State of Israel; and,  
8 **Whereas**, we seek to instill the sense of pride felt by preceding generations of Diaspora  
9 Jewry in the State of Israel.

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11 **Therefore, the Zionist General Council seeks:**

12 To prepare today's youth to combat Antisemitism and anti-Zionism, including the BDS  
13 movement, on campuses across America and elsewhere.

14 **Now, therefore, the Zionist General Council calls upon**

15 All of the departments of the World Zionist Organization and specifically: The  
16 Department for Diaspora Zionist Activities and French Speakers; The Department for  
17 Combating Antisemitism and Promoting Diaspora Community Resilience; The  
18 Department of Education; The Zionist Enterprises Department; The Department of  
19 Pioneer Youth and the Next Generation; The Department of Organization and  
20 Connection with Israelis Abroad, to work cooperatively to leverage existing platforms  
21 and develop new methods by June 30, 2022, to impart knowledge and information for  
22 succeeding generations, in order to strengthen their pride in being Jewish, to strengthen  
23 their awareness of the connection to the Jewish people to the Land of Israel and  
24 imbuing them with the Zionist spirit; and providing youth with sufficient resources and  
25 concrete information to counter BDS and antisemitic propaganda; and, furthermore to  
26 provide sufficient resources to enable Zionist Federations, youth movements and  
27 organizations belonging to the Zionist movement to utilize them for educational benefit,  
28 and to convey ideas to the young generation in via a range of platforms to do so,  
29 including social media.

30 The coordinating responsibility for the above should be given to the Department for  
31 Combating Antisemitism and Promoting Diaspora Community Resilience.

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1 representatives around the world to encourage countries and states, as applicable, to  
2 formally adopt the definition as well.

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### 5 **2.3 Concrete Steps Against BDS Supporters**

6 Submitted by World Likud, Adv. Nili Naouri

7 **Whereas** there has been a worldwide increase in anti-Jewish and anti-Israel boycotts,  
8 divestment and sanctions (BDS), and the WZO is committed to combatting BDS, therefore

#### 9 **The Zionist General Council resolves that:**

10 The World Zionist Organization, the Zionist General Council and the Inner and Outer  
11 Executive do, and shall recommend to our representatives in Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael  
12 (KKL), the Jewish Agency for Israel, and all Zionist Enterprises, the Zionist World Unions,  
13 and all other entities described in the WZO Constitution, to work towards and allocate  
14 funds to:

- 15 (i) Increase efforts, and urge governments around the world and Israel's National  
16 Institutions to increase their efforts to combat Antisemitism and BDS and the  
17 demonization of Israel, including via the enactment and enforcement of strong  
18 anti-BDS laws and policies, and civil rights protections for Jewish and pro-Israel  
19 students.
- 20 (ii) Expose and counteract the connections between terror organizations such as the  
21 PFLP and BDS groups and other anti-Israel hate groups;
- 22 (iii) Expose and counteract foreign funding of BDS groups and other anti-Israel  
23 groups.
- 24 (iv) To orchestrate a public information campaign to persuade foreign governments  
25 to fight against BDS, among other things through the enactment and concerted  
26 enforcement of anti-BDS laws.
- 27 (v) To call on the Israeli government to orchestrate a public information campaign  
28 to persuade foreign governments to fight against BDS, among other things  
29 through the enactment and concerted enforcement of anti-BDS laws.

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### 33 **3.1 Zionist Education**

34 Submitted by the American Zionist Movement

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36 **Whereas** Israel is approaching her 75th anniversary of independence; and,

1 **Whereas** the we are witnessing a widening gap in public knowledge about its history and  
2 the story of the struggle for the establishment of the State of Israel; and,  
3 **Whereas** we are conscious that these gaps include the importance of the defining the  
4 State of Israel as the national homeland of the Jewish people and and Israel’s importance  
5 to Diaspora Jewry;  
6 **Whereas** accurate information through education is often a way to begin closing this gap;  
7 and,  
8 **Whereas** a new generation of Jews will assume the reins of leadership in institutions and  
9 organizations throughout the Jewish world; and  
10 **Whereas** this generation has its particular methodology for deriving and disseminating  
11 information,

12 **Now, therefore, the Zionist General Council calls upon:**  
13 Departments of WZO to develop Zionist social media presence across many platforms,  
14 with an emphasis on currently existing platforms in the World Zionist Organization and  
15 provide funding for its implementation together with Zionist Federations, and world  
16 Zionist youth movements, in order to educate and inform young people, Jewish and non-  
17 Jewish in the Diaspora, about this history of Zionism and the founding of the State of  
18 Israel; as well as the Jewish people’s thousands of years of history in the Land of Israel,  
19 international support for and the documents establishing the Jewish people’s right to the  
20 Land of Israel under international law; and  
21 **Further calls upon** the Zionist Executive, youth movements and institutions such as the  
22 Government of Israel, JAFI, KKL and other appropriate institutions to assist in the  
23 dissemination of this information.

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27 **3.2 Promotion of Zionist and Jewish Education to Counteract Antisemitism**

28 Submitted by Liz Berney on behalf of the ZOA Coalition, and World Likud

29 **Whereas** Zionist and Jewish education is vital for assuring the continuity of the Zionist  
30 cause and the Jewish people, and combating Antisemitism;

31 **The Zionist General Council resolves that:**  
32 The Departments of Education and Diaspora Zionist Activities and French Speakers, of the  
33 World Zionist Organization, the Zionist General Council and the Inner and Outer Executive  
34 shall work to assure that departments responsible for education and the Diaspora in the  
35 World Zionist Organization, promote Zionist and Jewish education consistently.

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### **3.3 Promoting Anti-Bias and Anti-Hate Training**

Submitted by Dekel Houmash on behalf of Arzenu/Mercaz Olami Faction

**Whereas**, as a Zionist Movement, we look to create a just and inclusive society where all individuals have the opportunity to succeed. We look to reflect a wider range of identities within our Jewish and Zionist spaces; and

**Whereas**, due to racism, homophobia, generational divides, ageism and other forms of discrimination, our communities are not whole until everyone experiences a sense of belonging within the Zionist Movement. As a Movement, we stand for an Israel and Zionism that is inclusive and reflective of a wide range of identities and ethnicities. We accept the responsibility of building alliances and relationships both inside and outside of our communities; and

**Whereas**, Jewish populations such as Jews of different communities, LGBTQ+ Jews, Jews who live with physical, mental, or intellectual disabilities, multi-racial families, millennials, aging Jewish populations particularly, but not exclusively in the Diaspora, Jews who are unaffiliated and uninspired by Jewish communal offerings, and the evolving needs of interfaith and intermarried couples and families, as well as Jews by choice and those exploring Judaism, requires our focused attention; and

**Whereas**, we wish our *shlichim* - who represent us to the larger Jewish community and the outside world - to represent and be able to have access and bring Israel and Zionism to all Jewish communities, and to understand the issues and challenges across the Jewish community,

**Therefore, the Zionist General Council XXXVIII/2 resolves:**

That all National Institutions' *shlichim* shall undergo training in diversity, anti-bias and anti-hate education before commencing their *shlichut*. *Shlichim* would undergo training against discrimination and racism (anti-bias curriculum), covering the IHRA definition of Antisemitism, including:

- Understanding the various dimensions of identity;
- Learning and applying basic terms relating to bias, racism and discrimination;
- Increasing understanding of the impact of culture and differences on interpersonal communication;
- Recognizing, acknowledging, and confronting bullying, bias and discrimination in themselves, others and within institutions;
- Understanding the different layers of Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism, according to the IHRA definition, and how to respond to them.

1 Training will be carried out by a relevant independent organization/s to be determined,  
2 but will be part of the prerequisites to becoming a *shaliach/a*.

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5 **4.1 Documenting Antisemitism**

6 Submitted by Dekel Houmash on behalf of Arzenu/Mercaz Olami Faction

7 **Whereas** Antisemitism is changing in intensity and form over time and is currently  
8 trending toward increasing intensity and frequency in both the physical and digital worlds  
9 and across the ideological spectrum, we believe it is necessary for WZO to participate and  
10 partner in and drive forward the collection of data and analytics on the different forms  
11 and trends of Antisemitism manifesting throughout the world, with a particular focus on  
12 the intersection of Antisemitism and anti-Zionism; and

13 **Whereas** we know that Antisemitism can often masquerade as criticism of Israel and anti-  
14 Zionism, it is not always the case; and

15 **Whereas** our efforts as the World Zionist Organization will be strengthened by work  
16 through coalitions and partnerships including a wide spectrum of organizations,

17 **Therefore, the Zionist General Council XXXVIII/2 resolves:**

- 18 i. To recommend the establishment of a worldwide body to observe and documents  
19 the changing trends of Antisemitism and anti-Zionist activity and rhetoric. This  
20 would be composed of experts and professionals in the field who will partner with  
21 the existing work of others to collect a global database and will contribute to an  
22 annual report on Antisemitism.
- 23 ii. That the World Zionist Organization should study what resources (human &  
24 financial) are needed for the establishment and partnerships and propose a  
25 timeframe for action and implementation.

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27 **4.2 Partnerships and Coalitions in Combating Antisemitism**

28 Submitted by Dekel Houmash on behalf of Arzenu/Mercaz Olami Faction

29 **Whereas,** Antisemitism is on the rise worldwide and manifesting in different spaces  
30 across changing and varied ideological landscapes; and

1 **Whereas** the European Union has adopted for the first time an action plan to fight  
2 Antisemitism, and

3 **Whereas**, the value of coalition work on matters regarding Antisemitism is of  
4 considerable importance, and existing models of partnership have proven to be  
5 successful.

6 **The Zionist General Council XXXVIII/2 resolves that:**

- 7 i. The World Zionist Organization determine a collective methodology/strategy to  
8 identify the institutional/organizational partners with whom we will work to fight  
9 Antisemitism;
- 10 ii. The World Zionist Organization shall create a taskforce with Israeli and Diaspora  
11 representatives to consider the partner organizations and institutions with whom  
12 it will work, and shall identify the content and nature of each partnership. The task  
13 force will report its findings to the delegates to the next World Zionist Congress  
14 two months before the next World Zionist Congress, so that the World Zionist  
15 Congress may review those findings, and determine at the next Congress with  
16 which organizations the World Zionist Organization shall work.

17 The World Zionist Organization will not partner with any organization that supports any  
18 form of BDS.

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### 21 **4.3 Jewish Consensus on Antisemitism and Freedom of Speech**

22 Submitted by Dekel Houmash on behalf of Arzenu/Mercuz Olami Faction

23 **Whereas:**

- 24 1. Jews have a collective interest in recognizing and opposing Antisemitism.
- 25 2. A broad and clear consensus in the Jewish community over what constitutes  
26 Antisemitism is desirable.
- 27 3. A broad and clear consensus in the Jewish community against racism and other  
28 forms of unjust discrimination is desirable.
- 29 4. Clear red lines are desirable which delineate what is, by broad consensus,  
30 unacceptable within the Jewish community.
- 31 5. It is desirable that there is wide agreement within the Jewish community that  
32 discourse that does not cross these clear red lines is absolutely legitimate and is  
33 protected by the rules and norms of free speech and free debate;
- 34 6. The notion of free speech in this resolution should not be in contradiction with  
35 any local laws that are meant to fight Antisemitism.

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**Therefore, the Zionist General Council XXXVIII/2 resolves:**

1. That refusal to affirm the IHRA definition of Antisemitism puts a Jewish individual or institution outside of the Jewish consensus, given:
  - a. That we understand the IHRA definition as a minimal affirmation that anti-Zionist Antisemitism exists and is significant
  - b. And that it is understood to mandate judgement of any case according to its overall context
  - c. And in the light of the definition’s explicit protection of criticism of Israel.
2. Great care will be taken to reach a consensus within the Jewish community over what is antisemitic, and the community will prefer to err on the side of caution about declaring something as antisemitic, rather than to be over-eager to define someone as antisemitic prematurely.
3. When there is a consensus in the Jewish community that someone constitutes a significant antisemitic threat, the community will come together in all its collective strength to defend itself against that threat by:
  - a. Articulating as a community
  - b. Organizing critique of, and education about the antisemitic threat
  - c. Forming alliances against that element
  - d. Also, should the need arise, preparing for the eventuality of a physical defense of the community being required.
4. Their refusal to affirm their opposition to racism and to other structures of unjust discrimination puts a Jewish individual or institution outside of the Jewish consensus.
5. That views and opinions which are not antisemitic, racist, or supportive of other structures of unjust discrimination, are permissible to be expressed freely and debated robustly within the Jewish community – and that people who express such views and opinions shall not treated as though they were outside of the rules or norms of the Jewish community.
6. To ensure that the Jewish consensus against all kinds of Antisemitism is broad, clear and strong, and that Jews who embrace, tolerate or kosherize Antisemitism shall be viewed as marginal to the Jewish community.
7. To call upon Israel to resist the temptation to prioritize good relations with antisemitic governments over its responsibility to side with Jewish communities in fight against Antisemitism by:
  - a. Calling out such governments for their antisemitic actions as well as refuse assistance to antisemitic politicians to help them cover up their antisemitic actions through good relations with Israel.

- b. Calling out governments that sponsor Antisemitism at home.
- c. Refusing to allow such governments to cover their antisemitic actions through friendly relations with Israel.

#### **4.4 Resolution on Furthering the Understanding of Antizionism\***

Submitted by Dekel Houmash on behalf of Arzenu/MERCAZ Olami Faction

**Whereas** instruction at post-graduate level is especially important in nurturing a sophisticated level of understanding in students who have already experienced the hostile environment that predominates at undergraduate level and who need to understand what they have experienced; and

**Whereas** young people have largely been failed by the existing undergraduate programs and there are few post-graduate level programs available for them, which can facilitate the learning they need to make sense of their experiences of contemporary antizionism and Antisemitism,

**Therefore, the Zionist General Council XXXVIII/2 resolves:**

To foster awareness that antizionism as a worldview or an ideology is distinct from specific, legitimate or rational criticism of Zionism or Israel;

**And resolves** to treat this kind of antizionism as a response to an illegitimate 'Jewish Question' that is in many ways continuous with older antisemitic responses to the 'Jewish Questions' of previous eras.

**And calls upon:**

The World Zionist Organization and its relevant Departments to support financially academic research and education coherent with this way of understanding antizionism. In particular, we call upon the Zionist Executive to identify sources of funding that can be made available for postgraduate level programs about antizionism and contemporary Antisemitism that can begin to nurture the next generation of Antisemitism scholars.

*\* This resolution intentionally distinguishes between genuine anti-Zionism (i.e., opposition to actual expressions of Zionism) and antizionism which claims to oppose a fabricated Zionism, Zionists and Israel which has no real connection to the diverse ways in which Jews understand their own relationships to Israel and to Zionism.*





5. The Committee's term of office shall be from the date of appointment of its Members until the appointment of a new Committee.
6. Committee Chairs are entitled to invite observers to meetings, on an *ad hoc* basis and as pertinent to items of business on the Committee Agenda.

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2 **Scope of the Committee's Activity**

The following institutions fall within the remit and authority of the Committee:

The World Zionist Organization

Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael-Jewish National Fund

Keren Hayesod

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4 **Discussion Procedures**

7. On the basis of proposals from said Institution, the Committee shall deliberate upon matters concerning the Budget and Finance of said Institution, including the annual Budget proposal and any proposals for Budget amendments or updates during the course of the year. Said annual Budget proposal and any requested amendment shall be sent to the Committee in both Hebrew and English in a timely manner that will allow the Committee to study, consult and hold an orderly discussion, and at least 14 days prior to the date of said discussion.
8. The Committee shall scrutinize said proposal and shall submit its recommendations to the Institution's Executive. The Committee's recommendations shall reach the Executive ahead of its discussion.
9. The Institution's Executive shall discuss the Committee's observations and any such amendments as may be proposed by the Committee, and shall approve the Budget, in accordance with its protocols and purview. For the purpose of clarity, a budget shall not be submitted for approval or vote at the Executive prior to its submission to said Committee, as per provisions of Regulation 7 above.
10. The budget approved for each institution shall be notified to the Committee.
11. At the proposal of the Executive, the Committee shall be entitled to discuss transfers from one main budget line to another within the duly approved annual Budget, for any amount over 1% of the overall Budget. The Executive shall be entitled to decide upon budget transfers between any annual budget lines below that sum, without discussion in said Committee, – provided the Executive's said decision regarding said transfer shall not take effect until 10 days after the

Committee has been notified of said transfer. Any discussion of a request for budget transfers from one itemized line to another in said Committee shall be governed by the provisions in these Regulations, with any appropriate amendments.

The Executive's notification shall be communicated to the Committee co-Chairs within one week from its adoption. Should no response position be received from said Committee, the amendment shall be considered to have been approved after the expiry of a period of 10 days from the date when said notification was communicated to the Committee co-Chairs.

12. The entirety of the Executive's and the Departments' activities must be reflected in the Budget as well as in the explanatory notes.
13. Prior to submission of the Budget proposal for discussion in Committee, the Executive of the World Zionist Organization shall present the Committee its fiscal policy programs for the fiscal year, detailing expected income. In relation to sources of income that are non-governmental and not from the National Institutions and the subsidiary companies, it must specify the extent to which such sources are assured.
14. The Committee is entitled to demand the following from the afore-mentioned Institutions:
  - 14.1 Explanations for all Budget items proposed.
  - 14.2 An account and report for all their activities and for all activities of those entities with which they are involved.

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## 2 **Operational Protocol of the Committee**

15. At the invitation of the Presidium of the Zionist General Council, the Committee shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty days after the nomination of its Members.
16. The Committee is entitled to establish internal sub-committees, as required, on matters related to its sphere of activity. Sub-committee decisions shall be subject to approval by the Committee.
17. Committee Chairs are entitled to convene a meeting whenever it seems appropriate to them and they are obligated to convene one if required to do so by the Executive or by one third of the Committee Members.
18. The legally required quorum for a meeting is the presence of more than one third of the Committee membership.

19. Committee Chairs are entitled to invite to Committee meetings any Member of the Executive and any Head of Department or Unit Director from the Institutions, to respond to the Committee's questions.
20. Committee Members shall, upon their appointment and no later than 30 days after the date of said appointment, sign an agreement on the prevention of conflict of interests and on confidentiality.
21. Membership on the Committee expires:
  - 21.1 Upon a Member's resignation from said Committee.
  - 21.2 Upon the disqualification of a Member from office or position in a Zionist entity or institution by the Zionist Supreme Court.
22. If a Committee Member has not attended three successive meetings or has not signed an agreement on conflict of interests within thirty days from his/her nomination, his/her membership shall expire. A replacement shall be appointed from his/her grouping, subject to the approval of the Presidium of the Zionist General Council and in compliance with the provisions of foregoing Regulation 3.
23. When a Committee Member's membership expires, for whatever reason, the appointment of a replacement shall be compliant with the provisions of foregoing Regulation 2.
24. The Executive shall place a Secretary at the service of the Committee and shall provide all the technical assistance necessary to its operation.

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## 2 **Reports**

25. At the close of each fiscal year, the Executive shall submit to the Committee a full record and account on Budget implementation; said Committee shall submit a full record and account of its activities in writing to every Session of the Zionist General Council.

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## 4 **Consequential Amendments:**

### 1. **Constitutional Amendments:**

- 1.1 Deletion of **Article 30A, Section 2 (a)** in the Constitution.
- 1.2 **Article 30A, Section 2 (b)** shall be amended to read as follows -  
"The Executive shall not approve a Budget or any other financial expenditure which is inconsistent with the principles instructed by the Congress or the Zionist General Council."

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2. **Amendment of the Standing Orders of the Zionist General Council:**

**Section 22** - "*Special Provisions regarding Deliberations on Budget and Finance*" shall be deleted.

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**Election of the Attorney of the World Zionist Organization**

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9 Further to the Zionist Congress XXXVIII Resolution in the matter of the election of the  
10 Attorney and the Deputy Attorney to the World Zionist Organization and the Resolution  
11 of the Zionist General Council (Written Ballot of June 2021 – Sivan 5781), and compliant  
12 with the provisions of **Article 30 A, Section 1**, it has been resolved to extend the period  
13 for the election of the Attorney and Deputy Attorney until 31 March 2022.

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15 **Explanatory Note:**

16 The Zionist Congress authorized the Zionist General Council to elect the Attorney and the  
17 Deputy Attorney to the World Zionist Organization within 90 days from the date of closure  
18 of the Congress, by means of written ballot (Referendum) among the members of the  
19 Zionist General Council, the above being in accordance with the provisions of aforesaid  
20 **Section 18 (9)** in the *Standing Orders of the Zionist General Council*. The Zionist General  
21 Council further resolved, via a written ballot, to extend said period through 31 October  
22 2021.

23 Efforts are continuing to find suitable candidates about whom there will be broad  
24 agreement, thus requiring an extension.

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**Extension of the Period for the Election of Attorney and Deputy Attorney**

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1 Further to the Zionist Congress XXXVIII Resolution and the previous Zionist General  
2 Council Resolution, and compliant with the provisions of **Article 30 A, Section 1**, of the  
3 Constitution, it is hereby resolved to extend the period for the election of the Attorney  
4 and Deputy Attorney until 31 March 2022.

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