

**Draft Resolution Proposals  
Towards the Extraordinary Zionist Congress**

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**Committee No. 1 – Declaration of Independence and the Jerusalem Program**

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3-1	Brit Etz-Avoda – Chaya Cohen	The Jerusalem Program and the Declaration of Independence
<a href="#">7-1</a>	World Likud – Nerya Meir, Esq.	125 Years of Zionism and 75 years to the State of Israel: Jerusalem Program - Settlements, Education, Aliyah promotion, Hebrew Language, Unity

**Committee No. 2 – Aliyah and Law of Return**

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1 **Committee No. 3 – Internal and external strengthening the State of Israel**

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4 **Committee Secretary:**

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<u>10-1</u>	World Confederation of United Zionists – David Yaari	The Establishment of an Office of Innovation in the National Institutions
<u>15-1</u>	World Organization of Orthodox Communities and Synagogues - Adi Samson	Strengthening synagogues and Jewish community centers in the Diaspora in their connection to Zionism and the State of Israel

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**Committee No. 5 – The Holocaust Remembrance and the struggle against antisemitism**

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**Committee No. 6 – Strengthening the Zionist Movement**

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<u>11-1</u>	B'nei Brith – Alan Schneider	World Zionist Organization salutes the State of Israel on its 75th anniversary
<u>12-1</u>	Hanoar Hatzioni – Sergio Edelstein	Respecting the WZO Constitution after 75 years of Independence: W.Z.O. Membership

**Constitution Committee**

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<u>17-1</u>	The Zionist Executive - Secretary General to the Executive	Representation of the Inter-territorial Organizations on the Outer Executive
<u>17-2</u>	The Zionist Executive - Secretary General to the Executive	“The Attorney of the World Zionist Organization – <i>Pro Tem</i> Provisions”

1 **Committee No. 1 – Declaration of Independence and the Jerusalem**  
2 **Program**

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4 **2-1 Anchoring the position of the Declaration of Independence in the Zionist**  
5 **movement**

6 *Proposal submitted by Rabbi Sergio Bergman*  
7 *On behalf The World Union for Progressive Judaism*

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9 **Whereas** the State of Israel, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary, was able to sign  
10 at the time of its establishment a solemn document that clearly defines its character  
11 as a Jewish and democratic state;

12 **And whereas** some of the foundations of Zionism, as defined in the World Zionist  
13 Organization constitution, are the unity of the Jewish people:

14 *"In the fortification of Israel as a Zionist and democratic Jewish state, with unique*  
15 *spiritual values based on mutual respect for the versatility of the Jewish people, a*  
16 *model society that strives for peace and contributes to the correction of the world."*

17 **And whereas** Zionism is a movement that defends the basic principles of justice,  
18 equality and democracy and rejects discrimination on the grounds of origin,  
19 nationality or race or gender or sexual orientation, and committed to the founding  
20 document of the State of Israel, the Declaration of Independence;

21 **Therefore, in honor of Israel's 75th jubilee, the Zionist Congress resolves:**

- 22 1. The Declaration of Independence is one of the central, founding documents of  
23 the Zionist movement.
- 24 2. In each of the offices of the World Zionist Organization, in Israel and abroad,  
25 the Declaration of Independence will be displayed, alongside the Jerusalem  
26 Program.
- 27 3. The World Zionist Organization and its departments will not carry out activities  
28 that contradict the values of the Declaration of Independence.
- 29 4. The World Zionist Organization will not cooperate with organizations whose  
30 values contradict the values of the Declaration of Independence.

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### 3-1 The Jerusalem Program and the Declaration of Independence

*Proposal submitted by Chaya Cohen  
On behalf of Brit Etz-Avoda*

In the current situation in the State of Israel, where there is sense of great concern, tempers are flaring and divisions are growing, the World Zionist Organization is an important, essential entity that unites within it the representatives of the entire Zionist spectrum in the Jewish world out of an obligation to fulfill the central mission of the World Zionist Organization in the Jewish world as a platform for unity, cooperation and dialogue;

**Whereas** Section 3 of the Jerusalem Program states: “Strengthening Israel as a Jewish, Zionist and democratic state and shaping it as an exemplary society with a unique moral and spiritual character, marked by mutual respect for the multi-faceted Jewish people, rooted in the vision of the prophets, striving for peace and contributing to the betterment of the world.”;

**Whereas** the World Zionist Organization requires every member of the Zionist movement to accept the Jerusalem Program;

**Whereas** the World Zionist Organization brings together all the ideological groupings, religious streams and Zionist organizations active among the Jewish people in Israel and in the Diaspora;

**Whereas** the Declaration of Independence was accepted and signed by all political streams represented within the Jewish people.

**Therefore, the Zionist Congress resolves:**

1. To adopt the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel as a source document for the Jerusalem Program.
2. That the principles of the Declaration of Independence will guide the operation of the World Zionist Organization and will be a central source of inspiration in the Zionist vision.
3. To encourage all departments of the World Zionist Organization to hold activities and events around the values of the Declaration of Independence and its status as a founding document in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Israel's independence.
4. That, as part of the 75<sup>th</sup> year celebration, a large banner with the Declaration of Independence will be hung on the building of the World Zionist Organization in Tel Aviv on the side where Zionist banners are hung from time to time in order to gain public visibility and exposure.

1                    **7-1 125 Years of Zionism and 75 years to the State of Israel**

2                    *Proposal submitted by Nerya Meir*

3                    *On behalf of World Likud*

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5        **Whereas** the Land of Israel belongs to the Jewish people by virtue of their historical,  
6 religious and moral right to it; and

7        **Whereas**, by virtue of this right, the First Zionist Congress was convened and founded  
8 an activist Zionist identity, through which Zionist leaders Herzl, Trumpeldor and  
9 Jabotinsky acted and formed modern political Zionism leading to the foundation of  
10 the State of Israel; and

11        **Whereas** today, on Israel's 75th birthday, it is necessary to strengthen Zionist activism;

12        **Therefore, the Zionist Congress calls for:**

13            1. Strengthening of the Zionist identity in Israel and in the Diaspora based on the  
14 values of education, settlement, and Aliyah, as determined in the Jerusalem  
15 program.

16        By virtue of the historical and Zionist right, the **Zionist Congress will act:**

17            2. To strengthen settlement in the Land of Israel, promoting Aliyah and reinforcing  
18 a Jewish majority in Israel: The Zionist Congress calls upon the World Zionist  
19 Organization to act to increase the Jewish majority in the Land of Israel - by  
20 dedicating additional resources and programs to promote Aliyah among Jews in  
21 the Diaspora and supporting the Aliyah absorption within Israel.

22        In addition, **The Zionist Congress calls upon** The World Zionist Organization:

23            3. To act to strengthen the education system in Israel and the Diaspora so that it  
24 emphasizes Zionist studies, Jewish identity, Israel's heritage, and Israel being a  
25 Jewish and democratic state in which Jews have the right to pray freely at holy  
26 sites.

27        **The Zionist Congress calls upon** the National Institutions:

28            4. To increase the number of participants in Jewish educational institutions in  
29 the Diaspora to promote the Hebrew language and involvement in the Zionist  
30 movement, to create new bridges to connect with Israel, and to develop  
31 programs to strengthen the Jewish family unit, the national Jewish identity  
32 and the educational value of meaningful military service in the IDF.

33        In the face of division among the Jewish nation and given the uniting nature of Zionism  
34 - **The Zionist Congress calls upon** The World Zionist Organization:



1 **Whereas** in the 75th anniversary of Israel's independence the fact that, thanks to the  
 2 Law of Return, the State of Israel has been blessed with the Aliyah of millions of  
 3 immigrants over the years - from both Eastern and Western countries, is particularly  
 4 notable; and

5 **Whereas** over the years the Law of Return has become a symbol, a festive symbol of  
 6 Jewish peoplehood at its best, a glamorous, Zionist symbol like no other which defines  
 7 the collective borders of the Jewish people - As far as Aliyah to Israel is concerned  
 8 (eligibility to the Law of Return); and

9 **Whereas** from the dawn of Zionism to the present day, the Zionist movement  
 10 advocated a pluralistic view which celebrates the diversity of the people of Israel for  
 11 its different views and beliefs, without discrimination and without bias, since there is  
 12 more than one way to be Jewish and Zionist; and

13 **Whereas** voices are now being heard calling for the Law of Return to be amended and  
 14 minimized so that an essential clause therein (Grandchild Clause) will be revoked - the  
 15 same clause that enabled, over the years, hundreds of thousands of immigrants to  
 16 return to their homeland, to join the glorious journey of the people of Israel, and  
 17 contribute to the building of the State of Israel - in the economy and industry, in  
 18 culture, in academia, and in the Israel Defense Forces;

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20 **Therefore, in the 75th year of the State of Israel and out of a deep sense of historical**  
 21 **responsibility, the Extraordinary Zionist Congress resolves that:**

22 1. The Zionist Congress calls on the Israeli government to not touch on the Law of  
 23 Return, to not amend it, to not try to minimize its content.

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25 2. The Zionist Congress seeks to strengthen all those involved in bringing  
 26 immigrants to Israel in accordance with the Law of Return, led by the Jewish  
 27 Agency.

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### **9-1 Promoting Aliya**

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*Submitted by Tema Klausner  
 on behalf of the World Emunah*

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33 **Whereas** exactly 50 years following the vision of Benjamin Ze'ev Herzl, who foresaw  
 34 the creation of the state, and exactly 75 years ago the Jewish nation was fortunate to  
 35 actualize the divine promise and the vision of Israel's prophets, and returned to  
 36 become a free nation in its homeland; and



1 **Whereas** after 2000 years, the historical Jewish nation has returned, thrown off the  
 2 burden of the diaspora, merited independence, and established the State of Israel in  
 3 its promised land; and

4 **Whereas** the Jewish People are a unique entity in the world, an entity with qualities  
 5 that are impossible to categorize in words or conventional ways; an entity that is at  
 6 the same time a nation, a people without a homeland, a country almost without a  
 7 people for generations, a religion, and one family; and

8 **Whereas** the Jewish people is proudly in the midst of a return to the land of our  
 9 fathers, from the river to the sea;

10 **Therefore, the Extraordinary Zionist Congress calls upon:**

11 The World Zionist Organization to increase its efforts and activities to encourage  
 12 those members of the Jewish nation who are still living in the diaspora to return  
 13 home.

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### 15 **Committee No. 3 – Aliyah and Law of Return**

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#### 17 **6-1 Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State**

18 *Proposal submitted by Rabbi Lea Mühlstein*

19 *On behalf of Arzenu*

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21 **Whereas** we are proud to celebrate 75 years of Israel as the only democracy in the  
 22 Middle East;

23 **Whereas** mature democracies are rightly measured not just by whether there are free  
 24 elections but also by whether there are robust checks and balances in place to protect  
 25 the democratic rights of all inhabitants;

26 **Whereas** the only checks and balances on Israeli democracy are the judiciary;

27 **Whereas** our Tradition teaches us to “Learn to do good, devote yourselves to justice...  
 28 (Isaiah 1:17)”;

29 **Whereas** Israel’s Declaration of Independence asserts that the State of Israel “will  
 30 foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be  
 31 based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will  
 32 ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants ...”; and

33 **Whereas** the current judicial reforms are being pursued in haste and without regard  
 34 for the effect that these changes will have on the relationship between Israel and Jews  
 35 around the world.

1 **The Extraordinary Congress 5783 marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the independence**  
 2 **of the State of Israel, therefore, resolves:**

- 3 1. To remind the government of the State of Israel that Jews around the world are  
 4 deeply committed to Israel as a Jewish and democratic state and that this  
 5 relationship is at stake if the government pursues its plans to weaken the  
 6 judiciary, which will undermine the democratic character of the state by  
 7 removing checks and balances on government power thereby threatening the  
 8 rights of all minorities in Israel.
- 9 2. The Zionist Congress instructs the Executive of the WZO to publish this resolution  
 10 through all its distribution lists via both social and traditional media.

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12 **10-1 The Establishment of an Office of Innovation in the National Institutions**

13 *Submitted by David Yaari*  
 14 *On behalf of World Confederation of United Zionists*  
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16 **Whereas** at its early stages, the Zionist Movement was the most innovative initiative  
 17 to occur in 2,000 years of Jewish history, since the Jewish exile in 70 CE; and

18 **Whereas** the Zionist Movement innovated and created the Zionist National  
 19 Institutions and the necessary capacities to establish the State of Israel; and

20 **Whereas** today, as we near the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence day, Israel has emerged and  
 21 become globally recognized as the start-up nation and a source of innovation and  
 22 inspiration in many fields and sectors; and

23 **Whereas** over the past several decades, the Zionist Movement has struggled to  
 24 innovate and create bold new initiatives, instead focusing mostly on past  
 25 achievements;

26 **Therefore, the Extraordinary Zionist Congress resolves that:**

- 27 1. On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day, the World Zionist Organization  
 28 will apply to Keren Kayemet L'Israel for assistance in budgeting for the  
 29 establishment of an Office of Innovation that will work as an independent body  
 30 to drive and inject innovation both as an organizational culture and practice  
 31 throughout all of the Institutions' projects and initiatives. Following the approval  
 32 of this resolution, a detailed plan will be presented within 60 days with the goal  
 33 to establish this office will by Rosh Hashanah 5784.
- 34 2. The Office of Innovation will begin by setting the innovation criteria and  
 35 prioritizing the innovation areas based on an analysis of the existing significant  
 36 gaps, urgent needs, and impactful opportunities for the member institutions.

- 1 3. The Office of Innovation will invite other players from both the private and  
 2 Zionist world to bring forth new ideas for the National Institutions to promote  
 3 and accelerate those ideas through a Zionist lens. These public and private sector  
 4 leaders will serve on an advisory council.

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6 **15-1 Strengthening synagogues and Jewish community centers in the Diaspora in**  
 7 **their connection to Zionism and the State of Israel**

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*Submitted by Adi Samson*

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*On behalf of World Organization of Orthodox Communities and Synagogues*

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11 **Whereas** the State of Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish people and not just the  
 12 state of its citizens, and after 75 years of existence in which diplomatic, technological,  
 13 economic, and other capabilities have been accumulated in it, it is operating to  
 14 strengthen the Jewish communities in the Diaspora and deepen its affinity with the  
 15 State of Israel; and

16 **Whereas** it is the Jewish community that has preserved the Jewish people for  
 17 thousands of years of exile in the Diaspora and constitutes an essential infrastructure  
 18 for Jewish ethnic identity and beneficial social belonging, which fosters resilience and  
 19 empowers mutual responsibility, in times of routine and crisis; and

20 **Whereas** the main impact on Jewish identity, future continuity, and vitality depends on  
 21 a renewed community leadership who is relevant to the challenges of the day, on their  
 22 ties to the State of Israel, and on the quality and activity of formal and informal social  
 23 networks; and

24 **Whereas** the synagogue is a central and important institution in the life of Diaspora  
 25 Jewry as a house of prayer, and as a place where Jewish customs and ceremonies are  
 26 held that contribute to community cohesion, tighter social networks, and resilience;  
 27 and

28 **Whereas** we are witnessing waves of anti-Semitism emerging around the world, in a  
 29 way that undermines the natural sense of security and threatens the resilience of the  
 30 Jewish community and its members, due to *Aliya*, emigration, and/or distancing from  
 31 Jewish identity;

32 **The Extraordinary Zionist Congress resolves that:**

- 33 1. To act to strengthen Jewish identity among Diaspora communities, by initiating  
 34 Jewish encounters with each other and supporting activities relating to the  
 35 Jewish calendar events - intra-community and inter-communal, for members of  
 36 varying circles of affiliation.

- 1 2. To cultivate young community leaders, rabbis and *rabbaniot* as a critical resource  
 2 for continuity and resilience, and for the ability of communities to be afflicted  
 3 with anti-Semitism, by organizing dedicated professional conferences on topics  
 4 relevant to their formal and informal roles, and to strengthen their ties to their  
 5 Judaism, to the Jewish world in general, and to the State of Israel and to Zionism  
 6 in particular.
- 7 3. To cooperate with the departments of the World Zionist Organization,  
 8 government ministries, and the developers of designated educational and  
 9 cultural programs, for educators, leaders, professionals, rabbis, and *rabbanyot*  
 10 who provide a professional and systemic response to the challenges of the  
 11 communities.

## 13 **Committee No. 4 – Diversity in the Zionist Movement**

### 14 **1-1 Strengthening the relationship between the LGBT communities in the** 15 **Diaspora and the State of Israel**

16 **In honor of the 75th anniversary of Israel's independence**

17 *Proposal submitted by Dario Teitelbaum*  
 18 *on behalf of World Union of Meretz*

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 20 **Whereas** the World Zionist Organization (WZO) mission is to ensure Israel remains a  
 21 national home for all Jews, regardless of belief and/or religious affiliation, ideological  
 22 tendency, origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

23 **And whereas** the World Zionist Organization (WZO) can serve as a bridge between the  
 24 Jewish LGBTQ communities and the State of Israel by promoting greater  
 25 understanding, cooperation, and mutual support.

26 **And whereas** the State of Israel, celebrating 75 years of independence, is known  
 27 throughout the world as a place that knows how to respect, accommodate, and even  
 28 celebrate the existence of the LGBT community.

29 **The Zionist Congress resolves that:**

30 The Zionist movement and the national institutions will be a home for every Jew, from  
 31 all over the world, from every sector and gender.

32 The Congress calls for increased activity of education and awareness and inclusion:  
 33 deepening the awareness and educational activity related to the inclusion of the LGBT  
 34 community, within the Zionist activity in Israel and in the diaspora, through  
 35 workshops, seminars, and other educational initiatives.

1 Out of a desire to deepen the connection between the LGBT population and Zionism  
 2 all over the world - the Zionist Congress calls on the national institutions in general,  
 3 and the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization in particular, to find a  
 4 suitable way to celebrate Pride Week.

5 **In light of the vital need for unity in the 75th year of Israel's independence and in**  
 6 **light of the fear of legislation that would overturn the ruling of the Supreme Court**

7 **13-1 The Zionist Congress opposes the revocation of recognition of Conservative**  
 8 **and Reform conversions**

9 *Submitted by Rabbi Mauricio Balter*  
 10 *On behalf of MASORTI OLAMI Organization*

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 12 **Whereas** the State of Israel, which is proudly celebrating its 75th anniversary to its  
 13 establishment - is the nation state of the entire Jewish people; and

14 **Whereas** the people of Israel are endowed with different worldviews and diverse  
 15 Jewish concepts; and

16 **Whereas** the Zionist movement pledged in its founding documents - both the Zionist  
 17 constitution and the Jerusalem Program - to the commitment to the basic principles  
 18 of justice, equality and democracy, while denying discrimination of any kind, and  
 19 respect for the diversity of the people of Israel; and

20 **Whereas** the Supreme Court in Israel has long recognized Conservative and Reform  
 21 conversions held in recognized Jewish communities - both for the purposes of  
 22 registration in the Population Registry as Jews and/or for the purposes of the Law of  
 23 Return - and that's how the Ministry of the Interior has been acting for many years;  
 24 and

25 Whereas most Diaspora Jews belong to the non-orthodox streams of Judaism; and

26 Whereas there are voices in the Israeli government seeking to bypass the court's ruling  
 27 and to promote conversion legislation that will exclude the non-orthodox streams of  
 28 Judaism;

29 **Therefore, the Zionist Congress resolves as follows:**

30 1. The Zionist Congress calls on the Israeli government not to enact a conversion  
 31 law that will exclude or discriminate, directly or indirectly, the Jews who were  
 32 converted by non-orthodox conversion.

33 2. The Zionist Congress appreciates and respects all the women and men who enter  
 34 the gates of Israel - who underwent orthodox, conservative or reform conversion  
 35 - and wish them that they will be able to find their rightful place within the  
 36 people of Israel and the State of Israel!

1 **Committee No. 5 – The Holocaust Remembrance and the struggle**  
2 **against antisemitism**

3 **8-1 Documentation of Holocaust Evidence**

4 *Submitted by Gil Segal*  
5 *on behalf of the Yesh Atid faction*

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7 **Whereas** the World Zionist Organization's recognition of the Holocaust as a defining  
8 event in human history in general and the Jewish people in particular, and the  
9 importance of deepening historical knowledge about the Jewish communities that  
10 perished and raising awareness of the heroism of the Holocaust survivors; and

11 **Whereas** against the background of Holocaust denial in the world in view of the  
12 advanced age of the Holocaust survivors living today, it is mandatory to act urgently  
13 on the issue of documenting their testimonies and on the occasion of the 75th  
14 anniversary of the State of Israel and the Zionist enterprise.

15 **The extraordinary Zionist Congress resolves that:**

16 The World Zionist Organization, through its institutions, will work to implement  
17 Government Resolution No. 3474 of May 4, 2008 and Government Resolution No.  
18 1016 of January 23, 2022 on the subject of visual documentation of Holocaust  
19 survivors from Israel and throughout the world.

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21 **14-1 Combatting the Exclusion of the Jews in multicultural education**

22 *Submitted by Haim Cohen*  
23 *On behalf of World Sephardi Federation*

24 **Whereas** in 2023, as we approach the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Israel's independence,  
25 Antisemitism, anti-Zionism, and the exclusion of Jews in multicultural education and  
26 diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives have become ongoing concerns that  
27 impact Jewish communities both in the diaspora and in Israel; and

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29 **Whereas** Jewish communities and individuals have a right to participate fully in  
30 multicultural education, DEI efforts, and similar initiatives, free from discrimination  
31 and prejudice based on their religious, ethnic, and cultural identity; and

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33 **Whereas** education plays a vital role in combating antisemitism and promoting  
34 understanding, respect, and inclusion for all people, including Jews;

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36 **Therefore the Extraordinary Zionist Congress resolves that:**

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- 1 1. The National Institutions will work to raise awareness and monitor cases of  
2 antisemitism, anti-Zionism, and exclusion of Jews in multicultural education, DEI,  
3 and similar initiatives. It is inexcusable, in Israel's 75<sup>th</sup> year, that Jewish  
4 communities fear for their security while the issue of Jew-hatred and repugnant  
5 antisemitism, masqueraded as anti-Zionism, is routinely excluded from diversity  
6 education initiatives.  
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- 8 2. The National Institutions will work to convene the first annual hearing at the  
9 Knesset in 2023 to discuss and review the government of Israel's efforts to  
10 educate the public around the world about the Jewish people, antisemitism, and  
11 anti-Zionism.  
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- 13 3. The National Institutions, led by the WZO Department for combatting  
14 antisemitism, will issue a policy paper regarding the way it will amalgamate all its  
15 efforts to combat antisemitism and anti-Zionism and put the issue of the  
16 exclusion of Jews from multicultural education, DEI, and similar initiatives at the  
17 front of its efforts.  
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- 19 4. The World Zionist Organization, in collaboration with like-minded organizations,  
20 will create a platform for reporting cases of Jewish exclusion from multicultural  
21 education, DEI, and similar initiatives, which will include materials offering  
22 tangible steps and resources to counter such instances.  
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## 24 25 **Committee No. 6 – Strengthening the Zionist Movement**

### 26 27 **11-1 World Zionist Organization salutes the State of Israel on its 75th anniversary**

28 *Submitted by Alan Schneider*

29 *On behalf of B'nai B'rith International*

30 **Whereas** scribes, scholars, archaeologists and scientists have documented Israel for  
31 3,500 years of history, throughout tribes, kingdoms and dynasties in the Levant. They  
32 have sourced history through excavations, the Five Books of Moses and other texts;  
33 and

34 **Whereas** its ancient and modern histories have allowed a diverse and multicultural  
35 citizenry to flourish in the land of Israel across modern millennia, into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;  
36 and

1 **Whereas** Theodor Herzl, in pursuit of re-establishing the Jewish homeland in the wake  
 2 of persecutions, pogroms, excommunications and insurrections from the Middle Ages,  
 3 the Renaissance through the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, built a network of support to create the  
 4 Zionist movement and convene the World Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, in  
 5 1897; and

6 **Whereas** the Zionist movement survived genocide by Nazi Germany from 1933 and  
 7 1945 in what became known as The Holocaust with the extermination of more than  
 8 six million Jews and millions of others, and ultimately to United Nations recognition of  
 9 the Partition Plan and the Declaration of the State of Israel in 1947 and 1949.

10 **Therefore, on the occasion of Israel's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary the Extraordinary Zionist**  
 11 **Congress:**

- 12 1. Reiterates its support for the Jerusalem Program; calls on constituent members  
 13 to find common ground to promote the Zionist ideal;
- 14 2. Resolves that the Extraordinary Zionist Congress expects its constituent  
 15 members to refrain from misappropriating the WZO to further narrow political  
 16 or parochial interests; and support the democratically elected government of the  
 17 State of Israel and show respect for the democratic process, unrivalled in the  
 18 world.

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20 **12-1 Respecting the WZO Constitution after 75 years of Independence**

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*Submitted by Sergio Edelstein*

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*On behalf of Tnuat Hamerkaz Haliberalit Hanoar Hatzioní (Kol Israel Faction)*

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24 **Whereas** in the WZO Constitution it is declared that one of the Foundations of Zionism  
 25 is:

26 "Strengthening Israel as a Jewish, Zionist and Democratic state and shaping it  
 27 as an exemplary society with a unique moral and spiritual character, marked  
 28 by mutual respect for the multi-faceted Jewish people, rooted in the vision of  
 29 the prophets, striving for peace and contributing to the betterment of the  
 30 world"; and

31 **Whereas** in the WZO Constitution it is declared that:

32 "Zionism advocates the fundamental principles of justice, equality and  
 33 democracy, and denounces discrimination on the grounds of origin,  
 34 nationality, race, gender or sexual orientation. Zionism is committed to the  
 35 State of Israel's landmark document: the Israel Declaration of Independence  
 36 and to the State of Israel's fundamental values, as enshrined therein."; and



1 **Whereas** in the WZO Constitution it is declared that:

2 "Every Jew who has reached the age of eighteen and is willing to accept the  
3 Jerusalem Program and pay membership dues ("the Zionist Shekel") in an  
4 amount to be determined as stipulated in the Regulations for the  
5 Implementation of the Constitution, may be an individual member of the  
6 World Zionist Organization"; and

7 **Whereas**, after 75 years of Independence, we are witnessing that factors in the State  
8 of Israel are expressing themselves in the direction of changing the basis of  
9 agreements regarding the definition of a "Jewish and Democratic State"; and

10 **Whereas** voices have been heard recently, advocating that recognized non-Zionists be  
11 able to take part in the decisions that take place in the WZO forums.

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13 **The Zionist Congress resolves that:**

- 14 1. Out of the obligation to respect the WZO Constitution, it will not be possible for  
15 an individual or a body which is not an individual to become a member of the  
16 World Zionist Organization if membership criteria of the WZO are not met in full  
17 – such as accepting the "Jerusalem Program".
- 18 2. Each member of the World Zionist Organization must honor the State symbols  
19 as they are specified in the Basic Law: The Nation: the flag, the State symbol,  
20 and the national anthem.
- 21 3. The Organization (Irgun) Department must ensure the implementation of this  
22 decision as much as possible.

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## 25 **Constitutional Committee**

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### **16-1 Proportional representation of women**

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*on behalf of the Yesh Atid faction*

30 The values of Zionism, in accordance with the constitution of the Zionist Organization,  
31 advocate basic principles of justice, equality and democracy. We believe that the  
32 World Zionist Organization, which unites all the Zionist organizations, factions and  
33 bodies that represent the Jewish people, should strive for and bring equal  
34 representation of women in all of the institutions of the World Zionist Organization,  
35 including the Executive Committee, Congress representatives and all aspects of its  
36 management.

1 **Whereas**, in accordance with Article 2A of the Constitution of the World Zionist  
 2 Organization (hereinafter: "the Constitution") it is declared that Zionism is a  
 3 movement that advocates basic principles of justice, equality and democracy;

4 **Whereas**, the constitution states that the bodies, organizations and factions of the  
 5 institutions of the World Zionist Organization must be comprised of at least thirty  
 6 percent women;

7 **Whereas**, and despite the fact that women make up about fifty percent of the general  
 8 population and despite the significant progress regarding gender equality in the 75  
 9 years of the State of Israel, women do not receive adequate and equal representation  
 10 in the institutions of the World Zionist Organization;

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12 **Therefore, the extraordinary Zionist Congress resolves that:**

13 The constitution of the World Zionist Organization will be amended and the following  
 14 two sections will be added to it:

15 1. Wherever it is stipulated in this constitution that 30% women must be  
 16 appointed, it will be written that the bodies will strive for adequate and equal  
 17 representation of women (50%), with a minimum representation of 40%  
 18 women.

19 2. The World Zionist Organization will strive for adequate and equal  
 20 representation of women in all other institutions, committees and bodies of  
 21 the World Zionist Organization.

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23 **17-1 Draft Proposal for Constitutional Amendment in the Matter of the**  
 24 **Representation of the Inter-territorial Organizations on the Outer Executive**

25 *Submitted by the Secretary General to the Executive*  
 26 *on behalf of the Zionist Executive*

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28 According to Article 41, Section 2 A (3), the Outer Executive shall comprise, *inter alia*:  
 29 "One representative from each territorial or inter-territorial Zionist organization  
 30 represented in the Executive"

31 and, in addition, under Article 41, Section 2 B (3):

32 "Each and every member of the Outer Executive from the group defined under sub-  
 33 paragraph (A) (3) above, shall be a representative from the Diaspora and/or a  
 34 representative of the Young Generation, as defined in Article 23 above",

35 with this applying irrespective of whether said Member of the Executive's capacity on  
 36 the same body is that of a representative from the Diaspora and/or as a representative  
 37 of the Young Generation.

1 **It is hereby proposed to determine** that the provisions of Article 41, Section 2 B (3)  
 2 shall not apply when the representative of the same body to the Executive under  
 3 Article 41, Section 1 (d) is a representative of the Diaspora and/or a representative of  
 4 the Young Generation.

5 *Therefore*, it is proposed to amend the Constitution by inserting the following words  
 6 in said point of Article 41, Section 2 B (3):

7 “Excepting where the representative of a particular body to the Executive, under  
 8 Article 41, Section 1 (d), is a representative of the Diaspora and/or a representative of  
 9 the aforesaid Young Generation”.

10 And that Article 41, Section 2 B (3) be reformulated to read as follows:

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

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19 17-2 Draft Resolution Proposal for Amendment of the Constitution of the World  
 20 Zionist Organization  
 21 in the matter of “The Attorney of the World Zionist Organization – Pro Tem  
 22 Provisions”

23 *Submitted by the Secretary General to the Executive*  
 24 *on behalf of the Zionist Executive*

25 **Background information and clarification:**

26 At the Zionist Congress XXXVIII, which convened in October 2020 – Heshvan 5781, the  
 27 Zionist General Council was authorized to elect an Attorney.

28 During consultations prior to the process of electing an Attorney, a number of  
 29 significant issues arose that were instrumental in the outcome that no proposal for  
 30 such election was submitted to the Zionist General Council. Moreover, the role of  
 31 Attorney extends across a wide range of fields while, over the past two years, we have  
 32 primarily been called upon to address issues related to the representation of the  
 33 World Zionist Organization before the Court.

34 Having passed the mid-point of the inter-Congress period since the Zionist Congress  
 35 XXXVIII, a Draft Resolution Proposal for Constitutional Amendment is hereby  
 36 submitted to the Extraordinary Zionist Congress (as a *Pro Tem* measure) in relation to  
 37 the position of Attorney.

38 Once the Resolution passes, said Amendment shall remain in force until the Zionist  
 39 Congress XXXIX, at which point said *Pro Tem* Provisions shall expire and the provisions  
 40 of the Constitution in this matter shall resume validity.

1 **Principles of the Amendment:**

2 It is proposed to amend those sections in Articles and Regulations in the Constitution  
3 and the Regulations for its Implementation (henceforth – the Regulations) relating to  
4 the election and responsibilities of the Attorney to the World Zionist Organization, by  
5 means of a *Pro Tem* measure that will remain in force until the conclusion of the next  
6 Ordinary Congress.

7 It is proposed that in all instances in the Constitution where the words “Attorney of  
8 the World Zionist Organization” appear, including mention of “his/her Deputies”, they  
9 shall be deleted.

10 It is proposed that Article 53 of the Constitution, which defines the Attorney’s  
11 responsibilities concerning legal consultation and representation, shall be amended  
12 and that he be replaced by a Committee of the Executive, which shall determine who  
13 will appear before the Zionist Supreme Court on behalf of the Executive and which  
14 shall be authorized to instruct said person.

15 It is proposed that Article 60 A, relating to the “*Obligations of the members of the*  
16 *governing bodies*”, shall be amended so that the Committee of the Executive may  
17 assume the role of initiating steps before the Zionist Supreme Court, a task with which  
18 the Attorney is currently charged.

19 There are also additional, complementary amendment proposals for the Regulations,  
20 due to the proposal for temporary discontinuance of the position of Attorney.

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22 **Redrafting of the relevant Articles in the Constitution and Regulations,**  
23 **which it is proposed to amend**

24 1. Article 14, “*Powers of the Congress*”, sub-section (e1) shall be amended as follows:

25 “(e1) Elect, subject to the provisions of Art. 27, section 2, the President of the  
26 Zionist Supreme Court and the Comptroller. A single individual shall not serve in  
27 more than one of the positions listed in this Article.”

28 2. In Article 26, “*Composition of the Congress*”, the preface to Section 2 shall be  
29 amended as follows:

30 “The President of the Zionist Supreme Court or, in his or her absence, the  
31 representative nominated by them from amongst their Deputies, and the  
32 Comptroller shall participate in Congress and in its committees in an advisory  
33 capacity.”

34 3. In Article 32, “*Composition of the Council*”, Section 3 shall be amended as follows:

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

- 1 (a) Members of the Executive;  
 2 (b) One representative each of the Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael and the Keren  
 3 Hayesod-United Israel Appeal;  
 4 (c) The President of the Zionist Supreme Court;”

5 4. In Article 47, “Members of the Court – their Number”, Section 2 shall be amended  
 6 as follows:

7 “The President of the WZO, the members of the Council entitled to vote, the  
 8 members of the Executive, the Comptroller and the Deputy Comptroller, the  
 9 officials of the World Zionist Organization and the Central Zionist Bodies shall not  
 10 be eligible for membership of the Court.”

11 5. Article 49, “Powers of the Court”, shall be amended as follows:

12 “The Court shall be competent to hear and determine –

13 ***(A) As a Court Tribunal of First Instance***

14 ***Section 1***

- 15 (a) The interpretation of this Constitution;  
 16 (b) The legality of decisions of the Central Zionist Bodies, whether in connection  
 17 with a dispute or upon the proposal of the Executive of the World Zionist  
 18 Organization;  
 19 ...

20 (g) Matters relative to acts allegedly infringing the Constitution or damaging the  
 21 interests or prestige of the World Zionist Organization, which have been brought  
 22 before it by the Committee appointed by the Executive under Article 53, by reason  
 23 of their public Zionist importance.”

24 6. In Article 53, the title, “Attorney” shall be deleted and be replaced by: “Committee  
 25 appointed by the Executive”, and the text in said Article shall be abrogated, to be  
 26 replaced by:

27 “A Committee composed of the Chairman of the Executive, the Deputy and Acting  
 28 Chairman of the Executive, two Deputy Chairmen and two female members of the  
 29 Executive, upon whom the said four Committee members shall be in unanimous  
 30 agreement, whose remit it shall be to determine who shall represent the Executive  
 31 in proceedings at the Court and to instruct said person on the position to be  
 32 presented in proceedings before said Court.”

33 7. Article 54, “Procedure of Election of President of Court, Attorney and deputy-  
 34 Attorneys”, shall be amended as follows:

35 **“Procedure of Election of President of Court**

1 The Congress shall elect, upon the proposal of the Congress Presidium, the  
2 President of the Court, the Comptroller and the Deputy Comptroller. The Congress  
3 shall not elect any individual for more than one of the positions listed above in this  
4 Article.”

5 8. Article 55, “*Filling of Vacancies*”, shall be amended as follows:

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

11 9. In Article 60 A, “*Obligations of the Members of the Governing Bodies*”, Section 2  
12 shall be amended as follows:

13 “If a member of the governing bodies mentioned in Sec. 1 has not fulfilled his  
14 obligations towards the Funds, the Committee representing the Executive shall  
15 initiate steps before the Zionist Supreme Court, in accordance with Article 49 (A),  
16 Sec. 1 (g). The Executive is also entitled to suspend his membership of the body  
17 until the decision of the Zionist Supreme Court. The Executive shall immediately  
18 notify the Zionist Supreme Court of such suspension of membership. Details of  
19 procedure shall be determined in the Regulations for the Implementation of the  
20 Constitution.”

21 10. In Article 63, “*Emergency Provision*”, Section 1 shall be amended as follows:

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

36 11. Regulation 1A (i) of the *Regulations* shall be amended as follows:

37 “In the instance of a person registering via the World Zionist Organization website,  
38 said application shall be forwarded to the Zionist Federation in his place of

1 permanent residence within a period of 30 days from the day of enrolment. If  
2 there is no objection by said Zionist Federation, those registering via the World  
3 Zionist Organization website automatically become members of said Federation,  
4 subject to the regulations stipulated in the Byelaws of said Zionist Federation  
5 (reasonable period of qualification, etc.). Said Federation shall decide upon the  
6 matter of such membership within 60 days of receipt of the request as forwarded.  
7 Any applicant penalized by a Zionist Federation's decision to reject his application  
8 for membership in said Federation is entitled to appeal in that respect. Said appeal  
9 shall be deliberated at a specially constituted Committee established by the  
10 Executive, comprised relative to the strength of the groupings at the Zionist  
11 General Council. Said appellant is entitled to appear in person before the  
12 Committee or appoint a representative. The Committee's decision may be  
13 appealed to the Zionist Supreme Court."

14 12. Regulation 11, sub-sections (f) and (g) shall be amended as follows:

15 "(f) Should the member not fulfill his obligation in spite of the warning, the  
16 Central Office of the Fund shall notify the Executive in order to take steps  
17 against the member, in accordance with Article 49 (A) Section 1 (g) of the  
18 Constitution.

19 (g) Should the Executive be of the opinion that the member has not complied with  
20 his obligations towards the Funds, it shall file a Bill of Complaint with the  
21 Zionist Supreme Court, in accordance with Chapter F of the *Rules of Procedure*  
22 *of the Zionist Supreme Court.*"

23 13. **Pro Tem Provisions** – Said Amendments to the Constitution concerning "The  
24 Attorney of the World Zionist Organization", as set down in sections 1 through 12  
25 above, shall remain in force until the conclusion of the next Ordinary Zionist  
26 Congress.

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