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Committee No. 1 – Israel is Home

1.1 Aliyah and Integration Terminology in the National Institutions

Submitted by Alex Selsky, Beytenu Olami

Whereas there is no standardization among the various units within the National Institutions addressing terminology in the sphere of Aliyah, and particularly in English which is the main operative language; and

Whereas some of these units employ the term “Immigration” (e.g.: Immigration to Israel) in reference to *Aliyah* or “immigrant”, to refer to an *Oleh/Olah* complemented by the national adjectival form for the country from which he or she has come on Aliyah (e.g.: Russian immigrant). This is a usage devoid of any Zionist or Jewish context and this conceptualization distorts the essence of the Aliyah process and is detrimental to the inherent Zionist and Jewish value of Aliyah. Moreover, it is detrimental to the self-identification of Olim, their motivation to make Aliyah and their successful integration in Israel; and

Whereas this term has a crucial impact on the development of personal identity, creation of narrative and social reality,

We propose:

1. To discontinue usage of the term “Immigration” in reference to Aliyah throughout the National Institutions and their subsidiary companies. The definition of immigration applies when a person who is part of an ethnic national majority group immigrates to a country where he or she becomes part of an ethnic or national minority. The Aliyah process is completely opposite in that it refers to a Jew in the Diaspora who, *qua* Jew, is part of a minority in his or her country of residence and makes Aliyah to Israel, where he or she becomes part of the democratic, Jewish nation state.
2. Instead of “Immigration” in the English, the Hebrew term “Aliyah” should be used – or, alternatively, “Repatriation”, in line with the accepted translation in Russian.
3. Instead of “Absorption”, the term “Integration” should be employed.
4. Any reference to Olim should refrain from referring to the national identity of the country from which they made Aliyah. This means discontinuing usage such as: “American / French / Russian / Argentinian / Ethiopian Oleh, etc.” and replacement by usage of: “Olim from the USA / France / Russia / Argentina / Ethiopia.”
5. In the case of veteran Olim, reference should not use the adjectival form of the national identity of the country from which they made Aliyah. In other words, discontinuing usage such as: “American / French / Russian / Argentinian / Ethiopian, etc.” with replacement by usage of: “an Israeli who made Aliyah from the USA / France / Russia / Argentina / Ethiopia,” and so on. This usage of terminology not only serves to describe an identity in an accurate manner – it also expresses a recognition of the veteran Oleh’s Aliyah to Israel.

- 1 6. One should be aware, sensitized and alert, whether in dialogue or written
2 materials, to the need to refrain from referring to Olim (new or veteran) in terms
3 of the national identity of their country of origin, from where they came on Aliyah
4 – thus ensuring there is no negation or exclusion of their Israeli and Jewish
5 identity. Similarly, Olim should not be termed “immigrants” – as if they had simply
6 moved to any other country in the world, rather than the State of Israel. They
7 should be defined in terms of the significance of Zionist Aliyah, this being the
8 return of Jews to the Land of the Forefathers.
- 9 7. To work to inculcate the above principles within every social organization engaged
10 in Zionist and Jewish education, Aliyah and Integration, and activities with
11 Diaspora Jewry.

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1.2 Promotion of Aliyah

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Submitted by Brit Etz – World Zionist Union of the Labor Zionist Movement

15 **Whereas** there is presently a perceptible resurgence in Aliyah and Return home among
16 a number of Diaspora communities; and

17 **Whereas** the World Zionist Organization is responsible for Aliyah promotion, in general,
18 and Aliyah by choice, in particular,

19 **The Zionist Congress XXXVIII resolves:**

- 20 To expand its activity significantly in the sphere of promoting Aliyah by choice;
21 To assist Zionist Federations in the establishment of community Aliyah committees;
22 To expand the Shlichut deployment system in this area;
23 To intensify coordination with the Jewish Agency Aliyah Department in all matters
24 related to Aliyah promotion.

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Committee No. 2 – Education and Hebrew Language Instruction

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2.1 Zionist Education for Future Generations (A)

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Submitted by Liam Getreu, Ameinu, Australia

30 **Whereas:**

- 31 ● The next generation of Zionists around the world are under-represented in global
32 and local Zionist institutions; and
33 ● Political leaders in Israel and the Diaspora are often products of Zionist youth
34 movements and student groups, which demonstrates their importance in leadership
35 development around the Zionist world,

36 **The Zionist Congress resolves that:**

- 37 ● The World Zionist Organization shall convene a Zionist Youth Congress to bring
38 together the best and brightest of the next generation of Zionist leadership around
39 the world;

- 1 ● The Zionist Youth Congress shall be given additional representation at the Zionist
2 Congress;
3 ● The Zionist Youth Congress shall be funded at a level necessary to function at the
4 highest level and commensurate with its importance in the Zionist world;
5 ● The Zionist Youth Congress shall function in a manner that includes the historical
6 Zionist youth movements but shall make extra effort to include and engage Zionist
7 youth around the world who are unaffiliated with Zionist youth movements or other
8 organizations formally affiliated with the World Zionist Organization.

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2.2 Hebrew Language and Culture

Submitted by the Zionist Executive

12 **Whereas** the Hebrew language is the language of the Jewish people and, as such, a
13 cornerstone of Jewish heritage and culture, and renewed Israeli experience; and

14 **Whereas** the revival of the Hebrew language constitutes one of the central
15 components in the development of the Zionist movement and the fulfillment of the
16 Zionist vision; and

17 **Whereas** knowledge of Hebrew is a fundamental component of Jewish identity and
18 outreach to draw the younger generation closer to Jewish heritage and identification
19 with the Jewish people and the State of Israel; and

20 **Whereas** the World Zionist Organization considers itself to be entrusted with the
21 inculcation of the Zionist idea among the young generation in the Diaspora, and is
22 therefore obligated to inculcate, strengthen and foster Hebrew language and culture,

23 **Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXVIII**

- 24 ● Instructs the Zionist Executive to plan a comprehensive work program for Hebrew
25 language and culture instruction across all sectors of the Jewish public in the
26 Diaspora.
27 ● The work program shall be varied, contemporary and adapted for different age
28 groups, especially the young generation.
29 ● The Zionist Executive shall work to implement this Resolution.

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Committee No. 3 – Mutual Responsibility

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**3.1 Committee to recommend steps for inclusion of more voices
within the Zionist Movement**

Submitted on behalf of the Confederation

36 **Whereas** the Jewish people and the Zionist Movement are strengthened by the
37 diversity of our stories, ethnicities, religious traditions, political viewpoints, and much
38 more; and,

39 **Whereas** the Zionist movement can do more to include and represent the voices of
40 Mizrahi Jews, Ethiopian Jews, Jews from the Former Soviet Union, Jews of color in the
41 diaspora, and many other communities,

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- 1 **The Zionist Congress XXXVIII resolves,**
2 1. To establish a commission, which will report on where the Zionist movement can
3 improve in its representation and inclusion of diverse Zionist communities, and
4 recommend concrete steps to accomplish this goal.
5 2. To invite Zionist organizations representing the above-mentioned communities and
6 others to appoint a representative to the commission.

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3.2 The Unity of the Jewish People
Submitted by Arzenu and World Union of Meretz

10 **Whereas** the strength of the Zionist Movement is inextricably linked to the strength
11 and vitality of the Jewish people and Jewish communities in Israel and throughout the
12 world; and
13 **Whereas** the unity of the Jewish people is one of the core foundations of Zionism as
14 expressed by *The Jerusalem Program*; and
15 **Whereas** *The Jerusalem Program* stresses the role of Zionism in nurturing mutual
16 Jewish responsibility; and
17 **Whereas** *The Jerusalem Program* recognizes that the importance of mutual respect for
18 the multi-faceted Jewish people is firmly rooted in the foundations of Zionism,
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20 **Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXVIII resolves:**
21 To assure mutual respect for the diversity of voices within the Zionist Movement and
22 therefore strengthen Zionism, the Zionist Congress hereby prohibits communications,
23 materials and/or programs, which denigrate or demean other Zionist organizations
24 and/or the individual members of other Zionist organizations, for reasons of
25 differences in theology, ritual practice or nature of observance. Further, members of
26 the World Zionist Organization shall not weaken the Zionist Movement by personal
27 attacks against the leaders of other Zionist organizations for any of the reasons stated
28 above.
29 The World Zionist Organization deems violations of this provision to be violations of,
30 non-adherence to, and rejection of *The Jerusalem Program* and will constitute grounds
31 for suspension or dismissal from the WZO and the relevant local Zionist Federation.

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33 **Committee No. 4 – Antisemitism**

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4.1 Combating Anti-Zionism on Campus
Submitted by Kenneth Bob, U.S. delegate, Hatikvah Slate

37 **Whereas** Rose Ritch, a Jewish undergraduate at the University of Southern
38 California resigned under pressure as Vice President of the Undergraduate Student
39 Government following a campaign that featured denunciations of her support for
40 Israel, including some with antisemitic overtones; and
41 **Whereas** not only was it clearly reprehensible for fellow students to attack her in this
42 fashion, but the USC faculty and administration also erred by failing to condemn her
43 mistreatment and close down the impeachment process altogether; and
44 **Whereas** Ritch is far from the only college student who has been harassed in recent
45 years for their pro-Israel politics, her story is an important reminder that educational

1 institutions should actively promote discussion about contentious issues like the
2 Middle East. They should encourage students to become informed about the history
3 and nature of Zionism, which, according to standard definitions, is the movement of
4 the Jewish people for self-determination in a land or state of their own; and

5 **Whereas** the convergence of hostility to the State of Israel, rising campus intolerance,
6 and social media harassment campaigns has created a toxic environment on some
7 campuses—leading, as they did here, to violations of academic freedom and fair
8 treatment. It is important that university administrators and faculty nationwide
9 develop policies and the nerve to speak forcefully against the bullying, online or in
10 person, based on political ideologies,

11 **Therefore be it resolved by the Zionist Congress XXXVIII that:**

12 The Education Department of the World Zionist Organization join with all United States
13 Zionist Youth Movements, Hillels, J Street U and other organizations, to implement
14 campus educational activities meant to combat the kind of anti-Zionist attacks suffered
15 by Rose Ritch at the University of Southern California and students at other US colleges
16 and universities.

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18 **4.2 Increased Efforts to Combat and Counteract Antisemitism, Demonization and BDS,**
19 **including by Prioritizing and Promoting Aliyah, Educational Efforts and Other Measures**

20 *Submitted by the ZOA coalition and World Likud*

21 **Whereas** Antisemitism, including anti-Jewish violence, demonization, and various
22 forms of boycotts, divestment or sanctions campaigns (“BDS”) are continuing to
23 dramatically increase in many communities throughout the world, and necessitate
24 increased Aliyah and increased efforts to combat demonization, antisemitism and all
25 forms of BDS,

26 **Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXVIII resolves:**

27 That the World Zionist Organization, the Zionist General Council and the Inner and
28 Outer Executive shall (and shall recommend to our representatives in Keren Kayemeth
29 Lelsrael (KKL), the Jewish Agency for Israel, and all Zionist Enterprises, the Zionist World
30 Unions, and all other entities described in the WZO Constitution to), work to and
31 allocate funds to:

- 32 1. Increase efforts and urge governments around the world, and Israel’s national
33 institutions, to increase their efforts to combat Antisemitism, the demonization
34 of Israel, and all forms of BDS (including but not limited to “green line” boycotts
35 or divestment), including by enacting and enforcing strong anti-BDS laws and
36 policies, and civil rights protections for Jewish and pro-Israel students; and
37 working to assure that BDS groups and other anti-Israel hate groups and NGOs
38 are not given credibility by governmental and international bodies and the
39 public;
- 40 2. Expose, publicize and counteract the connections between terror organizations
41 (such as the PFLP and Hamas) and BDS groups and other anti-Israel hate groups
42 and NGOs, and foreign funding of such groups;
- 43 3. Prevent efforts to partner with or bring BDS groups and other anti-Israel groups
44 and NGOs into the WZO, the Zionist General Council and the Inner and Outer
45 Executive, Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael (KKL), the Jewish Agency for Israel, and all

- 1 Zionist Enterprises, the Zionist World Unions, and all other entities described in
2 the WZO Constitution;
- 3 4. Promote continued strict enforcement of Israel’s anti-BDS laws (including by
4 continuing to refuse entry to foreign government officials for propaganda trips
5 to demonize Israel and promote BDS), thereby sending a vital message that
6 Antisemitism and BDS are unacceptable;
 - 7 5. Continue to prioritize and increase funding for and promotion of Aliyah, as an
8 emergency priority, above all non-emergency priorities;
 - 9 6. Establish Aliyah programs, including via Israel’s national institutions, to address
10 and assist with the special needs of various Diaspora communities including, but
11 not limited to, French Jewry, Russian-American Jews, other Russian Jews, South
12 American Jews, and Persian Jewish communities throughout the world;
 - 13 7. Facilitate the successful Aliyah of Russian-American Jews in the Jewish heartland,
14 that will also be open to all Zionists, religious and secular, from any background;
 - 15 8. Establish a new Persian-Jewish community in Israel to facilitate the successful
16 Aliyah of Persian Jews in Israel, that will also be open to all Zionists, from any
17 background; and
 - 18 9. Establish and increase educational efforts to counteract the demonization of
19 Israel; including positive Jewish and Zionist education programs to educate
20 governments, legal bodies, academia, media, and the general public about
21 Israel’s religious, moral, legal and historical rights over the Land of Israel,
22 including Judea and Samaria, including under binding international law (i.e., the
23 San Remo resolution, League of Nations Covenant – Article 22, British Mandate,
24 the Anglo-American Convention, and UN Charter Article 80);
 - 25 10. Establish an educational review committee to eliminate or revamp educational
26 programs that demonize or condemn Israel or the Jewish people;
 - 27 11. Establish and increase educational programs geared towards Russian Jewish
28 youth, and other youth who are at risk of being influenced by anti-Zionist and
29 anti-Jewish groups; and
 - 30 12. Promote investments past the green line, to assist with the Jewish people’s
31 security, religious and Aliyah needs, in this dangerous era of increasing
32 worldwide Antisemitism.

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34 **Committee No. 5 – Zionist Education**

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36 **5.1 Decolonization of Jewish Identity**

37 *Submitted by Ilan Roth, Lavie Olami and Hazon (Vision)*

38 **Whereas** the Jewish people experienced centuries of traumatic persecution in exile,
39 coupled with external and internal pressures to conform to host nations, that impacted
40 not only our material situation but also our self-identification, connection to our native
41 culture and values, and overall ideological paradigm through which we understand and
42 experience the world; and

43 **Whereas** the Zionist movement succeeded in restoring Jewish national consciousness
44 and achieving material liberation for the Jewish people that created favorable
45 conditions for the attainment of ideological liberation; and

1 **Whereas** Israeli society, over seven decades after achieving political independence,
2 continues to struggle with questions of national identity and what a Jewish nation-state
3 should look like in the 21st century; and

4 **Whereas** an overwhelming number of Diaspora Jews reduce Jewish identity to a
5 religious identity devoid of any national or territorial components; and

6 **Whereas** this reduction of Jewish identity has fostered alienation of Diaspora Jews
7 from the people of Israel currently participating in the project of rebuilding Hebrew
8 civilization in our land; and

9 **Whereas** an entire postcolonial discourse has been created to assist colonized peoples
10 in pursuing a course of collective healing and decolonization; and

11 **Whereas** this postcolonial discourse, which has been applied primarily to colonized
12 peoples in their own lands, has yet to be employed in the service of the Jewish people
13 that was taken out of our land and suffered internal colonization in the lands of our
14 oppressors for almost two thousand years before ultimately returning home and
15 attaining material liberation through the restoration of Jewish self-determination,

16 **Therefore, the Zionist Congress XXXVIII hereby resolves that:**

17 The Zionist General Council shall call on the World Zionist Organization and all of the
18 relevant National Institutions to provide financial resources and support to
19 organizations and societies on university campuses, as well as initiatives for Jewish
20 young professionals in the State of Israel and in the Diaspora, that provide programs
21 and workshops for the application of post-colonial tools and methods to issues of
22 Jewish identity and national consciousness.

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24 **5.2 Engaging Unaffiliated Jewish Youth and Young Adults**

25 *Submitted by the World Union of Meretz*

26 **Whereas:**

- 27 • The connection of Jewish youth in the Diaspora to existing Jewish organizations,
28 institutions and youth movements is slight;
- 29 • Zionist youth have long been well-organized, educated and inclusive;
- 30 • Programs and organizations outside the framework of Jewish student unions
31 continue to educate primarily toward Zionism;
- 32 • Recognizing that Zionist youth groups reach a minority of young people in the
33 Diaspora and that the majority of those unaffiliated are secular Jews,

34 **The Zionist Congress resolves that:**

- 35 • An organization should be established and funded in order to engage unaffiliated
36 Jewish youth in the Diaspora interested in connection with the Jewish people and
37 Zionism.
- 38 • To encourage the Hagshama Department to focus on unaffiliated youth through
39 the development of programs and cultural centers that engage that large segment
40 of Jewish youth in the Diaspora.

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1 **5.3 Empowering the Council of World Zionist Youth Movements**
2 **and their Hagshama Movements**

3 *Submitted by the Liberal Zionist Movement – Hanoar Hatzioni, the Confederation of United*
4 *Zionists, Arzenu, Brit Etz – the World Zionist Union of the Labor Zionist Movement,*
5 *World Likud, World Union of Meretz, Mizrahi Herut, MERCAZ Olami*

6 **Whereas** the Council of World Zionist Youth Movements and the
7 Hagshama Movements serve as a bridge between youth and young adults both in Israel
8 and outside of Israel; and

9 **Whereas** investing now in future Zionist leadership ensures the long-term continuity of
10 the Jewish community's relationship with the State of Israel; and

11 **Whereas** educating about Zionism is a must in order to develop young leaders,

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

13 To increase and empower the support and professional guidance of all the World
14 Zionist Youth Movements, by providing the financial aid and other help, as needed, to
15 ensure their empowerment and growth.

16 **It is resolved** that the goal will be to create stronger ties and bonds between the
17 National Institutions for this purpose.

18 **It is resolved** that there will be full synchronization between all the different
19 professional bodies in the World Zionist Organization, needed to fulfil this goal.

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21 **Committee on Constitutional Amendments**

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23 **A. Addition to Regulations regarding the**
24 **Standing Committee on Budget and Finance (Article 30A)**

25 *Submitted by the American Zionist Movement and Alan Silberman*

26 **Whereas** in order to implement and give meaning to the principle that “Israel and those
27 living outside of Israel are responsible for one another” it is important for all members of
28 the WZO Standing Committee Budget and Finance to have an effective means of providing
29 comment and expressing concern with regard to the WZO Budget,

30 **The following addition** to Regulations Regarding the Standing Committee on Budget and
31 Finance (Article 30A) is adopted:

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33 **Section 1**

34 The General Council shall establish a Standing Committee on Budget and Finance,
35 authorized to act in accordance with Article 30A and to express its views on budgetary and
36 financial matters that are referred to it. Subject to the limitation set forth below, the
37 Standing Committee on Budget and Finance has the power to accept, reject or amend any
38 sub-budgets, budget lines or financial undertakings within a budget that comes before it
39 for consideration. The Committee may not, in any instance, take decisions that are
40 inconsistent with, override or otherwise derogate decisions of the Congress that are in
41 effect, or prevent the implementation of such Congress decisions.

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43 **Section 2**

44 If the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance rejects any budget or financial
45 undertakings within a budget, it may adopt a proposed amendment to accompany such

1 rejection, which must be forwarded to the Executive for consideration. Any item rejected
2 that is thereafter modified by the Executive shall be returned to the Standing Committee
3 on Budget and Finance for its consideration.

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5 **Section 3**

6 The Executive, or any other body or individual authorized or required to present a
7 proposed budget or financial undertaking to the Standing Committee on Budget and
8 Finance, shall present each such proposal to the Committee, in Hebrew and English, no
9 later than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which the proposal is to be considered.
10 If this requirement is not met, the Committee shall delay its meeting so that it has at least
11 fifteen (15) days to consider the proposal, unless such requirement is waived by vote of
12 the Committee.

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14 **Section 4**

15 Meetings of the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance shall be scheduled and
16 conducted in order to allow members who do not reside in Israel and may not be fluent
17 in Hebrew to participate effectively in the meeting.

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19 **Section 5**

20 No budget or financial expenditure that is not consistent with the principles instructed by
21 the Congress or the General Council shall be approved by the Standing Committee on
22 Budget and Finance, except that when extraordinary circumstances are present, such
23 principles may be amended by a request made by at least two-thirds of the Committee,
24 endorsed by a vote of a majority of the General Council, which may occur in person, by
25 mail, electronic mail, phone or any combination of these methods.

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27 **Section 6**

28 The Standing Committee on Budget and Finance shall have two Co-chairs, one of whom
29 shall reside outside of Israel. Each of the Co-Chairs shall represent a different faction or
30 World Union. With approval of the Expanded Executive, the Co-Chairs may establish a sub-
31 committee of no less than six nor more than 10 persons to consult with them and the WZO
32 staff regarding matters of budget and finance in periods between meetings of the
33 Standing Committee on Budget and Finance. The sub-committee shall consist of the two
34 co-chairs, and others that are fairly representative of the factions and organizations in the
35 General Council. Staff involved in matters of budget and finance shall be invited to
36 participate in meetings of the sub-committee.

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38 **Section 7**

39 In order to have meetings of the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance proceed
40 efficiently, proposals to amend a budget or budget item submitted to the Committee must
41 be sent to the Co-Chairs of the Committee at least two days in advance and, after
42 introduced, shall only be continued on the agenda for further discussion when it appears
43 to the co-Chairs that at least twenty percent (20%) of the Committee members present
44 indicate that the subject is worthy of discussion.

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B. Article 27
Submitted by the American Zionist Movement

Whereas Article 27 of the World Zionist Organization Constitution deals with the election by the Zionist Congress of various positions, paid and voluntary, in the National Institutions; and
Whereas the National Institutions are the roundtable of the Jewish people, around which sit Jewish women and men from Israel and the Diaspora and conduct discourse of the greatest importance about the present and future of the Jewish people and of the State of Israel; and
Whereas the fine reputation of National Institutions over many years is a fundamental and significant asset; and
Whereas the National Institutions were given management of extensive resources of the Jewish people, these resources must be managed with impeccable transparency and accuracy,
A proposal to amend the Constitution as follows is hereby submitted:

Article 27

Regarding selection for a specific position

A. The Zionist Congress shall not elect any person who has been convicted by final verdict in a final ruling in a Court of Law of any crime, which the Court has ruled to be of moral turpitude, or where less than seven years have elapsed since the completion of serving his/her sentence of an offense committed during public service and in connection with his/her public service, regardless of whether or not the offense for which he/she was convicted involves moral turpitude.

B. The appointment shall be terminated immediately of any person an individual elected by the Zionist Congress to serve in such aforementioned position, and who has been convicted for any crime which the Court has ruled to be of moral turpitude of an offense he/she committed during public service and in connection with it.

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C. Establishing Rules for Exclusion from the World Zionist Organization
Submitted on behalf of the Presidium of the Zionist General Council

Whereas the Zionist movement's strength is directly impacted by its ability to bring together the broadest-based and largest sectors possible of the Jewish people in joint endeavor; and
Whereas from time to time, under various auspices of the Zionist movement, a range of resolutions of one type or another have been passed calling for the exclusion of one or other entity or body from the Zionist movement; and
Whereas the process of exclusion from the Zionist movement is one of serious consequence and has not hereto been regulated in the WZO Constitution or the Regulations for its Implementation,
The Zionist Congress XXXVIII hereby resolves:

- 1 Without detriment to provisions presently in force in the matter of the Zionist
- 2 Federations' and inter-territorial Zionist Organizations' membership in the World
- 3 Zionist Organization: not to take any steps or initiative to exclude any entity or body
- 4 from the Zionist movement – other than by means of a process that shall be
- 5 determined in compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the World Zionist
- 6 Organization and the Regulations for its Implementation.
- 7 The Executive is called to act promptly to implement this Resolution.
- 8 This Resolution shall remain in force for a period of 24 months.