

8. continuing close cooperation with the WZO in the promotion of Jewish culture and especially joint endeavors to accelerate the successful integration of immigrants in Israel;
9. the convening of annual meetings in Jerusalem to be attended by Jewish writers throughout the world, to exchange ideas;
10. the continuation of such welcome initiatives as the first colloquium on the methods of teaching Yiddish at the university level, which was held in New York;
11. close cooperation with the Brit Ivrit Olamit in its devoted work for the spreading of the Hebrew language in the countries of the Diaspora;
12. the commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the publication of the first Jewish newspaper in Amsterdam, in conjunction with the World Federation of Jewish Journalists, by the recognition of August 1975 as Jewish Press Month, as a means of strengthening and encouraging the Jewish press of the world;
13. cooperation with the WZO and the Israeli Ministry of Education and Culture in the provision of information on Jewish life abroad to schools in Israel and in the conducting of workshops and the organization of seminars on Judaism for young Israeli teachers, students, and intellectuals;
14. the establishment, following the decision by the Governing Board, of a Standing Commission on youth and young adults and the definition of its program and scope;
15. the establishment of a world center for the training of young leadership on a regional basis in cooperation with all interested member organizations and communities;
16. continuing support of and cooperation with appropriate institutions for the promotion of Jewish cultural endeavor in all its aspects, especially in the area of publications, so successfully achieved in the past.

For the implementation of these programs of the Cultural Department, the Sixth Plenary Assembly strongly urges the consideration of a substantial increase in the budget of the Department.

C. REVISED WJC CONSTITUTION AND ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

1. CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

(as revised by the Sixth Plenary Assembly, February 6, 1975)

Article 1. Nature of organization

The World Jewish Congress is a voluntary association of representative Jewish bodies, communities, and organizations throughout the world.

Article 2. Purposes

a. The World Jewish Congress is organized to foster the unity of the Jewish people, to strive for the fulfillment of its aspirations, and to ensure the continuity and development of its religious, spiritual, cultural, and social heritage, and to that end it seeks:

- (1) to intensify the bonds of world Jewry with Israel as the central creative force in Jewish life and to strengthen the ties of solidarity among Jewish communities everywhere;
- (2) to secure the rights, status, and interests of Jews and Jewish communities and to defend them wherever they are denied, violated, or imperiled;
- (3) to encourage and assist the creative development of Jewish social, religious, and cultural life throughout the world;
- (4) to coordinate the efforts of Jewish communities and organizations with respect to the political, economic, social, religious, and cultural problems of the Jewish people;
- (5) to represent and act on behalf of its participating communities and organizations before governmental, intergovernmental, and other international authorities with respect to matters which concern the Jewish people as a whole.

b. The World Jewish Congress strives to cooperate with all peoples on the basis of universal ideals of peace, freedom, and justice.

Article 3. Autonomy

Participation in the World Jewish Congress shall in no way affect the autonomy of Jewish communities and organizations with regard to their respective internal and religious affairs nor imply any authorization of the World Jewish Congress to intervene in the domestic political affairs of their countries.

Article 4. Composition

a. The World Jewish Congress consists of :

- (1) (i) National Jewish representative communal bodies. Admission of such bodies is effected by the Governing Board. Only one such national body shall be admitted for any country.
- (ii) In the absence of a generally recognized or acknowledged representative Jewish body in a country, or the failure of any such body to join, or in the event of its disqualification, the Governing Board may accept for such country that body which in its view is best qualified. Under special circumstances, other Jewish organizations may be admitted by a two-thirds vote of the General Council on such terms and conditions as it may prescribe.

(2) International Jewish organizations which may be admitted in associate status by a two-thirds vote of the Governing Board on such terms and conditions as it may prescribe.

b. Only bodies, communities, and organizations formed and acting in accordance with democratic principles and which subscribe to the purposes of the World Jewish Congress and agree to abide by the provisions of this Constitution may be admitted.

c. The Governing Board, by a two-thirds vote and subject to ratification of the General Council, may enter into special relationships with major international Jewish organizations and provide for representation of such organizations on various organs of the World Jewish Congress.

Article 5. Organs of the World Jewish Congress

The organs of the World Jewish Congress shall be :

- a. the Plenary Assembly;
- b. the General Council;
- c. the Governing Board;
- d. the Executive.

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Article 6. The Plenary Assembly

a. The Plenary Assembly is the supreme authority of the World Jewish Congress.

b. The Governing Board shall summon the Plenary Assembly to a regular session every fourth year.

c. When extraordinary circumstances render it necessary, the Governing Board may, by a two-thirds vote, postpone the regular session of the Plenary Assembly for not more than one year, except that a further postponement may be directed by a three-fourths vote of the Governing Board.

d. The Governing Board may, by a three-fourths vote, summon an extraordinary session of the Plenary Assembly. The business of such session shall be limited to those matters proposed by the Board.

e. The Plenary Assembly shall consist of delegates of Jewish bodies, communities, and organizations comprising the World Jewish Congress.

f. The number of delegates allotted to each community or national organization shall be determined by the Governing Board with due regard to the size of the Jewish population of the respective country. No country shall be entitled to more than two fifths of the total number of delegates. Each delegation shall reflect the composition of its Jewish community.

g. The number of delegates allotted to international organizations in associate status shall be determined by the Governing Board but shall not exceed one fifth of the total number of delegates.

h. The validity of the election or designation of the delegates shall be subject to confirmation by the Plenary Assembly.

i. The members of the Governing Board shall have the right to take full part in the proceedings of the Plenary Assembly but without voting rights unless they are elected delegates.

j. The proceedings of the Plenary Assembly shall be conducted by a Presidium elected by the Assembly for its duration.

k. The proceedings of the Plenary Assembly shall be conducted in accordance with rules of procedure to be proposed by the Governing Board and approved by the Plenary Assembly.

l. Every delegate shall have one vote in the Plenary Assembly.

m. Decisions of the Plenary Assembly shall be by a simple majority of those present and voting unless otherwise provided in this Constitution.

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Article 7. The General Council

- a. The General Council shall receive and may review reports from the Governing Board and/or the Executive and shall determine the general policies of the organization between sessions of the Plenary Assembly. It may by a two-thirds vote convene an extraordinary session of the Plenary Assembly.
- b. The General Council shall meet in regular session biennially but shall not meet in the year in which a session of the Plenary Assembly is held.
- c. An extraordinary session of the General Council may be summoned at any time by the Executive and shall be summoned by the Executive upon the request of two thirds of the members of the Council.
- d. There shall be three categories of members of the General Council: full, associate, and honorary.
- e. Full members of the General Council shall be:
 - (1) the members of the Governing Board;
 - (2) holders of offices so designated by the Plenary Assembly or the General Council;
 - (3) members so nominated as its representatives by a national or international body, according to a key fixed by the Plenary Assembly, which shall take into account the representation of such bodies on the Governing Board.
- f. Associate members of the General Council shall be:
 - (1) holders of offices so designated by the Plenary Assembly or the General Council;
 - (2) members so nominated as its representatives by a national or international body, according to a key fixed by the Plenary Assembly.
- g. Honorary members of the General Council shall be such persons as may be elected by the Plenary Assembly or the General Council.
- h. Associate and honorary members shall have the right to take full part in meetings of the General Council but without voting rights.
- i. Members of the General Council nominated by a national or international body shall serve at the pleasure of such body but in the case of representatives of national bodies only so long as such member shall be a resident of the country in which such body is located.
- j. The number of members of the General Council and the key for the election of its full and associate members shall be fixed by the Plenary Assembly.

k. The number of full or associate members representing a national body shall be determined with due regard to the size of the Jewish population of the respective country but no country shall be entitled to more than two fifths of the total number of such members.

l. The total number of members representing international bodies in associate status shall be not more than one fifth of the total membership of the Council.

m. The General Council shall have the right, by a two-thirds vote, to increase the total number of full members and/or associate members by one fifth and designate the national or international bodies entitled to elect such additional members.

n. The General Council shall establish regional Branches for Europe, Israel, Latin America, and North America and for such other areas as it finds appropriate, consisting of all the members of the General Council located in the respective areas, and determine the responsibilities thereof.

Article 8. The Governing Board

a. The Governing Board shall govern the World Jewish Congress between meetings of the General Council, in accordance with policies laid down by the Plenary Assembly or the General Council. The decisions of the Governing Board shall be reported to the next meeting of the General Council.

b. The Governing Board shall meet in regular session twice a year at a time and place to be designated by the Executive.

c. An extraordinary session of the Governing Board may be summoned at any time by the Executive. An extraordinary session of the Governing Board shall be convened upon the request of one third of its members, provided that not more than one such extraordinary session shall be called in this manner in any one twelve-month period.

d. The Governing Board shall have the power to establish, as subsidiary organs, standing commissions on international, cultural, organizational, and other affairs, shall elect their chairmen, and shall determine the responsibilities of such commissions and the frequency of the meetings thereof.

e. The Governing Board shall consist of:

- (1) the members of the Executive;
- (2) the chairmen of the standing commissions;
- (3) the directors of the departments of the World Jewish Congress;
- (4) the directors of the regional Branches;
- (5) members appointed by various national bodies of the World

Jewish Congress, in accordance with a key fixed by the Plenary Assembly;

- (6) members appointed by international bodies in associate status designated by the Plenary Assembly to receive such representation;
- (7) the Governing Board may, by a two-thirds vote, grant representation on the Governing Board to new bodies joining the World Jewish Congress between sessions of the Plenary Assembly.

f. The Executive, the president, or the chairman of the Governing Board may invite other persons to participate in meetings of the Governing Board but without voting rights.

Article 9. The Executive

a. The Executive shall conduct the affairs and act on behalf of the World Jewish Congress, in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Board, between meetings of the Governing Board. The decisions of the Executive shall be reported to the next meeting of the Governing Board.

b. The Executive shall consist of :

- (1) the president;
- (2) the vice-presidents;
- (3) the chairman of the Governing Board;
- (4) the chairman of the General Council;
- (5) the treasurer or treasurers;
- (6) the chairmen of the regional Branches;
- (7) the secretary-general.

The Executive may establish a smaller committee from among its members to conduct the day-to-day activities of the World Jewish Congress between meetings of the Executive.

c. The Executive shall meet at least four times a year, provided that two of such meetings each year shall be held in conjunction with a meeting of the Governing Board, a meeting of the General Council, or a meeting of the Plenary Assembly. The Executive may also be convened in special session on the call of the president or upon the request of one third of its members.

Article 10. Officers, Elections

a. The officers of the World Jewish Congress shall be :

- (1) the president;

- (2) one or more vice-presidents;
- (3) one or more honorary vice-presidents;
- (4) the chairman of the Governing Board;
- (5) the chairman of the General Council;
- (6) the chairman of each regional Branch;
- (7) one or two treasurers, in the event of one, a co-treasurer or deputy treasurer may be elected;
- (8) the secretary-general.

b. The Plenary Assembly shall elect the officers of the World Jewish Congress, who shall continue in office until the next Plenary Assembly, except that chairmen of regional Branches shall be elected by the Plenary Assembly on the recommendation of the respective Branches and hold office at the pleasure of the Branches only as long as they reside in their respective areas.

c. Heads of departments of the World Jewish Congress shall be appointed by the Governing Board subject to the approval of the General Council.

Regional directors will be appointed by the Governing Board in consultation with the respective Branch, subject to the approval of the General Council.

d. In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the Executive shall within three months call a special meeting of the Governing Board and propose to it the designation of an acting president. The Governing Board shall thereupon elect an acting president, who shall exercise all the powers and duties of the president until the next meeting of the General Council, which shall elect a new president, who shall hold office until the next Plenary Assembly.

e. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by the Governing Board, subject to ratification by the General Council, except that vacancies in the office of chairmen of regional Branches shall be filled by the Governing Board upon the recommendation of the respective Branch and subject to ratification by the General Council.

f. Any officer elected by the Governing Board shall assume the duties and privileges of such office but only until the next meeting of the General Council, at which the election of such officer shall be ratified or a new person elected in his place.

Article 11. Budget and Finance

a. The revenue of the World Jewish Congress shall include :

- (1) contributions of participating communities and organizations to be determined in accordance with a key to be adopted by the Plenary Assembly and/or the General Council;

(2) other voluntary contributions from organizations or individuals or other sources.

b. The Plenary Assembly shall establish a Budget and Finance Commission and elect its chairman. The Assembly may designate its members or authorize the Governing Board to do so and to name additional members. The treasurer, co-treasurer, and deputy treasurer shall be ex-officio member of the Budget and Finance Commission.

c. The annual budget shall be submitted to and approved by the Governing Board. Whenever, for any reason, the Governing Board is unable to adopt the annual budget, the Executive may adopt a provisional budget, which shall be in effect until the next meeting of the Governing Board.

Article 12. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a Plenary Assembly at which no less than half of the national bodies comprising the World Jewish Congress are represented. Amendments require a two-thirds majority vote.

Article 13. Registration or Incorporation

If necessary for the effective operation and conduct of the World Jewish Congress and its affairs, the Executive is empowered to take appropriate measures for registration or incorporation in any country or countries and with any authority or organization and to establish any foundation, trust, tax-exempt corporation, or not-for-profit corporation to receive voluntary contributions from any sources.

Article 14. Procedural rules

a. The quorum for any meeting of any organ of the World Jewish Congress shall be a simple majority of all those entitled to vote at that meeting, except as to Article 12.

b. In determining whether or not sufficient votes have been cast to constitute the specified majority, only the votes of those present and voting, exclusive of abstentions, shall be counted.

Article 15. Effective date

The Constitution, as amended by the Sixth Plenary Assembly, held in 1975, shall come into force immediately.

2. FUNCTIONS OF THE REGIONAL BRANCHES

Pursuant to Article 7n of the Constitution, the Plenary Assembly, acting for the General Council, provides:

- (1) The regional Branches now existing in Europe, Israel, Latin America, and North America shall continue.
- (2) In the event of any doubt or dispute as to which regional Branch a community or national organization shall belong to, that community or organization shall itself choose the appropriate regional Branch.
- (3) Each regional Branch shall nominate a chairman and recommend his election to the first Plenary Assembly held after such nomination.
- (4) A chairman of a regional Branch elected by a Plenary Assembly shall continue in office until the next Plenary Assembly but shall hold office at the pleasure of the Branch and only as long as he resides in the geographical area of such Branch.
- (5) If a regional Branch nominates a chairman explicitly on the basis of the office he holds in a community or national organization affiliated with that Branch, such person shall serve as chairman only so long as he retains that office in such community or organization.
- (6) A vacancy in the office of chairman of a regional Branch shall be filled by the Governing Board upon the recommendation of the Branch, subject to ratification by the General Council.
- (7) A regional Branch may elect other officers, fix their term of office, and determine their duties and privileges.
- (8) Each regional Branch shall meet periodically but at least once a year.
- (9) Each regional Branch shall take such action as it deems appropriate regarding any problem of concern to the region, as long as such action is not in contradiction to the aims and purposes of the World Jewish Congress or its general policies as laid down by the Plenary Assembly or the General Council. Whenever a regional Branch wishes to change an established policy of the World Jewish Congress or where no such policy exists and the matter appears controversial to the regional Branch, it may recommend action to the governing

organs of the World Jewish Congress. On all other issues the regional Branches are free to take action implementing the policies of the World Jewish Congress.

(10) At the request of a regional Branch, the Governing Board will place an item for discussion or decision on the agenda of its next meeting.

(11) A regional Branch may adopt bylaws governing its procedures and, for regional purposes only, may co-opt as members, affiliates, or observers of that Branch any individual or organization. It may also establish permanent commissions.

3. ELECTION OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS

The incumbent heads of departments and regional directors will be elected by the Plenary Assembly.

Article 10c of the revised Constitution will apply to their successors and to positions which may be created in the future.

4. RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNING BOARD

I. In application of Article 7e (3) and f (2) of the Constitution, the Sixth Plenary Assembly determines, for the period until the next Plenary Assembly, the key of representation of national and international bodies on the General Council, as indicated below. Also taking into account Article 7e (1) and (2), f(1), and g, and Article 4c of the Constitution, the General Council will therefore be composed of:

1. Members of Governing Board
2. Other ex-officio members of the General Council
3. Honorary members of the General Council

4. Representatives of national organizations:

	Full	Associate
Argentina	4	5
Australia	2	1
Austria	1	1
Belgium	2	—
Bolivia	1	—
Brazil	2	2
Canada	2	2
Chile	2	1
Colombia	1	—
Costa Rica	—	1
Cuba	—	1
Curacao	—	1
Denmark	1	—
Dominican Republic	—	1
Ecuador	—	1
El Salvador	—	1
Ethiopia	—	1
Finland	—	1
France	5	6
Germany	2	—
Great Britain	4	5
Greece	1	—
Guatemala	—	1
Honduras	—	1
Hong Kong	—	1
India	1	1
Iran	1	1
Ireland	1	—
Israel	16	4
Italy	2	—
Jamaica	—	1
Japan	—	1
Kenya	—	1
Luxembourg	—	1
Mexico	2	1
Monaco	—	1
Netherlands	1	1
New Zealand	—	1
Nicaragua	—	1
Norway	—	1
Panama	—	1
Paraguay	—	1
Peru	1	—
Philippines	—	1
Portugal	—	1
Rhodesia	1	—

Rumania	1	(in Gov. Board 1)	—
Spain	1		—
Surinam	—		1
Sweden	1		1
Switzerland	1		1
United States	27	(in Gov. Board 7)	12
Uruguay	2		1
Venezuela	1		1
Yugoslavia	1		—
Zaire	—		1
Zambia	—		1

5. Representatives of associated international organizations :

Brit Ivrit Olamit	1		—
Federación de Comunidades Judías de Centro América y Panamá (FEDECO)	1		—
Independent Zionist Movement	1		—
International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists	1		—
International Council of Jewish Women (in Gov. Board 1)	3		—
International Union of Mapam Parties	1		—
Skandinavisk Jødisk Ungdoms-Forbund (SJUF)	1		—
Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) (in Gov. Board 1)	3		—
World Confederation of United Zionists	1		—
World Federation of Hungarian Jews	1		—
World Federation of Jewish Fighters, Partisans, and Camp Inmates	1		—
World Federation of Jewish Journalists	1		—
World Federation of Polish Jews	1		—
World Labor Zionist Movement	1		—
World Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization	1		—
World OSE Union	1		—
World Sephardi Federation (in Gov. Board 1)	3		—
World Union for Progressive Judaism (in Gov. Board 1)	3		—
World Union of General Zionists	1		—
World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS) (in Gov. Board 1)	3		—
World Union of Poale Agudat Israel	1		—
World Union of Truait Haberut-Hatzohar	1		—

6. Representatives of international organizations with special relationship :

World Zionist Organization (in Gov. Board 4)	5	—
7. South Africa (by special invitation) (in Gov. Board 1)	2	2
8. Youth delegates (in Gov. Board 4)	17	—

II. In application of Article 8e (5) and (6) of the Constitution, the Sixth Plenary Assembly designates, for the period until the next Plenary Assembly, the national and international bodies that will be represented on the Governing Board, in the numbers stated below. Also taking into account Article 8e (1), (2), (3), and (4), and Article 4c of the Constitution, the Governing Board will therefore be composed of :

1. Members of Executive		
2. Chairmen of standing commissions :		
International Affairs	1	
Cultural	1	
Organization	1	
Budget & Finance	1	4
3. Heads of departments and directors of regional Branches		6
4. Representatives of national organizations :		
United States	7	
Israel	4	
Argentina	2	
Canada	2	
France	2	
Great Britain	2	
Australia	1	
Brazil	1	
Iran	1	
Rumania	1	
Rotating members from small communities	8	31

5. Representatives of associated international organizations:

- Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) 1
- World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS) 1
- World Sephardi Federation 1
- World Union for Progressive Judaism 1
- International Council of Jewish Women 1 5

6. Representatives of international organizations with special relationship: World Zionist Organization. 4

7. South Africa (by special invitation) 1

8. Youth Delegates 4

5. RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING YOUTH DELEGATES

The Sixth Plenary Assembly recommends that a subcommittee be set up to consider the selection and the financing of representation of youth and their participation in the General Council.

6. BUDGET

The Sixth Plenary Assembly decides the following procedure for the preparation of the annual budget of the World Jewish Congress:

The Executive shall prepare annually, for budget purposes, a series of programmatic and priority guidelines. Thereafter, the treasurer(s), in consultation with the Budget and Finance Commission, shall prepare a detailed budget for the coming year, which shall also contain measures to ensure compliance therewith and authorization for transfers from one budget item to another.

D. ELECTIONS

1. EXECUTIVE

- President: Dr. Nahum Goldmann
- Vice-Presidents: Dr. Nessim D. Gaon
Rabbi Dr. Arthur Hertzberg
Mr. Samuel Norich
Rabbi Dr. Joachim Prinz
Mr. Ezra Z. Shapiro

- Chairman, Governing Board: Mr. Philip M. Klutznick
- Chairman, General Council: Mr. Leon A. Dulzin

- Chairman, World Zionist Organization: Mr. Pinhas Sapir
- Regional Chairmen: Mr. Edgar M. Bronfman
North America: Mr. Gregorio Faigon
Latin America: Lord Fisher of Camden
Europe: Mr. Itzhak Korn
Israel: Mr. Sol Kanee
- Treasurer: Dr. Gerhart M. Riegner
- Secretary-General:

2. HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

- Dr. Moises Goldman
- Rabbi Dr. Israel Goldstein
- Prof. Aryeh Tartakower

3. CHAIRMAN, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMISSION

- Mr. Edgar M. Bronfman

4. HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

- International Affairs Department: Mr. Armand Kaplan
- Institute of Jewish Affairs: Dr. Stephen J. Roth
- Cultural Department: Mr. Itzhak Harkavi