

## **RESOLUTION: 1503ec-6**

### **WJC ARCHIVES**

**WHEREAS** prior to 2007, important archives of the WJC have been donated to, or deposited in, major archives around the world, primarily the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, Ohio, but also including the Zionist Archives in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem, the Wiener Library in London, the University of Southampton, the National Archives in the UK, and other archival institutions (collectively, the “WJC Archival Collections”);

**WHEREAS** some but not all of the WJC Archival Collections have been catalogued and/or scanned digitally;

**WHEREAS** the WJC Archival Collections have never been integrated in such a manner as to make them readily accessible to WJC personnel or researchers as a single integrated digital WJC archive;

**WHEREAS** the WJC presently has large volumes of documents located in the United States, Belgium, Israel and elsewhere that have never been professionally catalogued or archived (the “Unarchived WJC Documents”); and

**WHEREAS** the WJC does not have the professional staff or facilities to properly catalogue and/or archive the Unarchived WJC Documents and other WJC documents that need or in the future will need to be preserved and archived; and therefore

**the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress, meeting in Washington, DC on 23 March 2015,**

**DETERMINES** that the activities and accomplishments of the World Jewish Congress are of great historical importance, both to the WJC as an organization and to the Jewish people as well as society in general; and

**DETERMINES** that the creation an integrated digital WJC archive that will incorporate as many as possible if not all of the WJC Archival Collections as well as the Unarchived WJC Documents should be a priority for the organization;

**CONCLUDES** that it would be most efficient and most fiscally responsible for one of the established archival institutions that already holds one or more of the WJC Archival Collections to be asked to integrate the Unarchived WJC Documents into their existing collection of WJC archives and documents in close coordination with WJC professional staff, and with the WJC having full access to such an integrated archive when it is completed;

**AUTHORIZES** the senior professional staff of the WJC to explore with one or more of the archival institutions holding the WJC Archival Collections the feasibility of (a) integrating the Unarchived WJC Documents into the WJC Archival Collection held by such archival institution; and (b) such archival institution working with WJC staff to create an integrated digital WJC archive consisting of all of the WJC Archival Collections, with the WJC and

historians and other scholars having full access to such an integrated digital WJC archive at one or more locations.

**REQUESTS** the WJC President and the WJC CEO to submit to the Budget and Finance Commission an estimated budget for the creation of such an integrated digital WJC archive once the approximate cost of integrating the Unarchived WJC Documents into an existing WJC Archival Collection and creating an integrated digital WJC archive will have been estimated.

**Approved by the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress meeting in Washington DC on 23 March 2015.**