

Credentials

Brief report submitted by Mr. C.L.N. Amorim, Chairperson of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, on the credentials of delegates and advisers to the 89th Session of the International Labour Conference, Geneva, 4 June 2001

1. The Chairperson of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office has the honour to present the customary report prescribed by article 26 of the Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference.

2. The composition of each delegation and the method of appointment of delegates and advisers to the sessions of the International Labour Conference are governed by article 3 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization.

3. In accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of this article, it is for the governments to communicate to the International Labour Office the nominations made. The Conference examines these nominations and decides, in the case of dispute, whether delegates and advisers have been nominated in accordance with article 3 of the Constitution.

4. The Conference exercises this power in accordance with the procedure laid down in articles 5 and 26 of its Standing Orders.

5. In particular, paragraph 2 of article 26 of the Standing Orders of the Conference provides that “A brief report upon these credentials, drawn up by the Chairman of the Governing Body, shall, with the credentials, be open to inspection by the delegates on the day before the opening of the session of the Conference and shall be published as an appendix to the record of the first sitting.”

6. The present report is submitted in compliance with this provision. The list given in the table below was closed on Monday, 4 June 2001 at 16.00 in order that it might be available for inspection by the members of the delegations that same day, that is, the day before the opening of the Conference.

7. In addition, the present report serves for fixing provisionally, in accordance with paragraph 1(2) of article 20 of the Standing Orders of the Conference, the quorum necessary to give validity to the votes taken.

8. The table below, based on the files containing the names of the delegates and advisers and the credentials with which they have been provided or the official communications transmitted to the Interna-

tional Labour Office, shows the numerical composition of the Conference. It is to be noted in this regard that persons who have been nominated both as substitute delegates and as advisers, in the letters communicating the nominations, have been included among the advisers.

9. To date, 155 States have notified the names of the members of the delegations. 83 countries deposited the credentials within the 15-day deadline before the date fixed for the opening of the Conference, in compliance with paragraph 1 of article 26 of the Standing Orders of the Conference.

10. On the other hand, while the Conference and the Credentials Committee have already previously insisted on the obligation which article 3 of the Constitution imposes on governments requiring them to send complete delegations to the Conference, three countries (Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) had only nominated Government delegates, one country (Fiji) had nominated an Employers' delegate but not a Workers' delegate, and two countries (Lao People's Democratic Republic and Tajikistan) had nominated a Workers' delegate but not an Employers' delegate.

11. It should be noted that in the letters or facsimiles communicating their nominations, 14 governments have not mentioned the organizations to which the employers and workers belong. In addition, 68 governments have not confirmed that they were paying the travelling and subsistence expenses of their delegates and advisers in accordance with paragraph 2(a) of article 13 of the Constitution. In this regard, in order to ensure greater clarity in establishing the credentials, it would be advisable that governments use, for the nomination of delegates and advisers, the form enclosed with the letter of convocation and the Memorandum on the Conference which the Office addresses every year to member States.

12. Finally, I should like to urge delegates and advisers to register in person at the Information and Reception Desk, the quorum being calculated on the basis of the number of delegates registered.

Composition of the Conference and quorum

13. At present 308 Government delegates, 150 Employers' delegates and 151 Workers' delegates — a total of 609 delegates are accredited to the Conference.

14. There are, in addition, 835 Government advisers, 404 Employers' advisers and 482 Workers' advisers — a total of 1,721 advisers.

15. The total number of delegates and advisers who have been nominated in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Organization to take part in the work of the Conference is 2,330.

16. Since 34 of the States now represented are in arrears in the payment of their contributions to the Organization, those Members, under the terms of paragraph 4 of article 13 of the Constitution, may not at present participate in the voting in the Conference or any of its committees (Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Georgia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Mauritania, Republic of Moldova, Paraguay, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan). Account is therefore not taken of 81 delegates in calculating the quorum. A further vote is excluded, that of the only incomplete delegation with the right to vote (Fiji).

17. In conformity with article 17 of the Constitution of the Organization and with article 20 of the Standing Orders of the Conference, the necessary quorum to give a vote validity will provisionally be 263.¹

Observers

18. Out of the two observer delegations invited by the Governing Body of the ILO to participate in the Conference, Holy See and the Democratic People's

¹ i.e., half the total number of accredited delegates (609), after subtraction of the number not entitled to vote on account of arrears (81) and the number of incomplete non-governmental delegations (1).

Republic of Korea, at present only the former has appointed its representatives.

Organizations and liberation movement invited

19. The Conference is also being attended by:

- a tripartite delegation from Palestine, as a liberation movement invited in conformity with article 2, paragraph 3(k), of the Standing Orders of the Conference;
- representatives of the United Nations and some of its organs, invited by virtue of Article II, paragraph 1, — relating to reciprocal representation — of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Labour Organization, which came into effect on 14 December 1946;
- representatives of specialized agencies and other official international organizations, invited in conformity with article 2, paragraph 3(b), of the Standing Orders of the Conference;
- representatives of non-governmental international organizations with which consultative relations have been established, invited in conformity with article 2, paragraph 3(j), of the Standing Orders of the Conference;
- representatives of other non-governmental international organizations also invited in conformity with article 2, paragraph 3(j), of the Standing Orders of the Conference.

A list of these representatives is appended to the list of delegations published as a Supplement to the *Provisional Record* of the Conference.

Geneva, 4 June 2001.

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Chairperson of the Governing Body.

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