

Credentials

First report of the Credentials Committee

1. The Credentials Committee of the 88th Session of the Conference is composed of Mr. Jules Medenou Oni, Government delegate, Benin, Chairman; Ms. Lucia Sasso Mazzufferi, Employers' delegate, Italy; and Mr. Ulf Edström, Workers' delegate, Sweden.

Composition of the Conference

2. Since the signing of the brief report made by the Chairman of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office (Provisional Record No. 4), the following modifications have occurred in the composition of the Conference.

3. The number of member States of the International Labour Organization represented at the Conference is at present 158. To date 17 member States (Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Comoros, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gambia, Grenada, Guyana, Kyrgyzstan, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) have not sent a delegation. Since the signing of the brief report, the following Members have accredited delegations: Somalia, Swaziland and Uganda.

4. Concerning the credentials of Afghanistan, the Committee confirmed, having regard to Resolution 396 (V) of the UN General Assembly and to the current situation in the General Assembly with respect to Afghanistan, that the representative accredited in the communication from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic State of Afghanistan to the United Nations in Geneva should be permitted to participate in the Conference pending a decision in the General Assembly on the entity which should be recognized as representing that country.

Accredited delegates and advisers

5. The total number of accredited delegates is 619, comprising 314 Government delegates, 152 Employers' delegates and 153 Workers' delegates.

6. There are 1,770 accredited advisers, comprising 861 Government advisers, 419 Employers' advisers and 490 Workers' advisers.

7. The total number of accredited delegates and advisers is therefore 2,389.

8. With regard to the resolution concerning the participation of women in ILO meetings, adopted by the Conference at its 67th Session in June 1981, there

are 86 women among the 619 delegates accredited to the Conference and 394 among the 1,770 accredited advisers. The total number of women accredited to the Conference is therefore 480, i.e. 20.09 per cent of the total number of delegates and advisers as against 21.5 per cent last year. The Committee regrets the reduction in the number of women.

Registered delegates and advisers

9. The following is the present situation concerning the registration of delegates, which (in accordance with practice, approved by this session of the Conference) is the basis for determining the quorum for voting (see enclosed table).

10. At this time the number of registered delegates is 487, comprising 258 Government delegates, 117 Employers' delegates and 112 Workers' delegates.

11. In addition, the number of registered advisers is 1385, comprising 714 Government advisers, 284 Employers' advisers and 387 Workers' advisers.

Incomplete delegations

12. The Committee notes that, at the present time, the accredited delegations of four countries (Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Somalia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) are exclusively governmental. Two countries (Lao People's Democratic Republic and Tajikistan) have a Workers' delegate but not an Employers' delegate, while one country (Fiji) has an Employers' delegate but not a Workers' delegate. The Committee regrets the number of incomplete delegations and wishes to affirm once again the necessity for governments to comply with the requirement of Article 3 of the Constitution that a complete tripartite delegation be sent to the Conference. The Committee recalls that pursuant to a decision of the Governing Body, the Director-General each year requests the governments of all member States which did not send complete tripartite delegations to the Conference to indicate the reasons for their failure to do so, and that the information received in reply to that request is duly communicated to the Governing Body.

13. The Committee also notes that there is some imbalance between the number of advisers to the delegates of each group and also between the number of Employers' and Workers' advisers. It once again urges governments to take greater account, when nominating delegations, of the proportions in the composi-

tion of the Conference envisaged by paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 3 of the Constitution. The Committee further recalls the request contained in the resolution concerning the strengthening of tripartism in the overall activities of the International Labour Organization, adopted by the Conference in 1971, and expresses the hope that Governments will accord equal treatment to each of the groups when appointing advisers to their country's delegation to the International Labour Conference. The Committee recalls in this connection the obligation of Members under Article 13, paragraph 2(a), of the Constitution, to pay the travelling and subsistence expenses of their delegates and advisers and trusts that this obligation will be respected for the whole duration of the Conference.

Quorum

14. Thirty eight advisers, who are substitutes to delegates who have not registered, are taken into account in calculating the voting strength of the Conference.

15. Since thirty four States represented at the Conference are in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization so as to come within the terms of paragraph 4 of Article 13 of the Constitution, these States may not at present participate in the voting in the Conference or in 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). For this reason, in fixing the quorum, 42 registered delegates are not taken into consideration. A further vote is excluded, that of the only incomplete delegation with the right to vote (Fiji).

16. At the present time the quorum required to give a vote validity is 241. This number represents 487 registered delegates (see para. 10), plus 38 substitute delegates (para. 14) minus 43 registered delegates not entitled to vote (see para. 15), the total divided by two. The Committee appeals to delegates to the Conference to register in person upon their arrival so that the quorum will be as precise as possible and to ensure that they are not considered present when they in fact not yet at the Conference.

17. The Committee regretted the fact that so many Member States were in arrears of their contributions, thereby depriving the tripartite delegations from exercising their right to vote.

Observers, organizations and liberation movement invited

18. The Conference is also being attended by:

- representatives of two observer delegations (the Holy See and the Democratic People's Republic of

Korea), invited in conformity with Article 2, paragraph 3(e) of the Standing Orders of the Conference;

- representatives of a liberation movement (Palestine) 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;

19. A list of these representatives is appended to the List of Delegations published as a Supplement to the Provisional Record of the Conference.

Objections and complaints

20. To date, the Committee has before it several objections and communications concerning the credentials of certain delegates and advisers. It has forthwith commenced its examination. The Committee considers that its work has been facilitated by the fact that a substantial number of credentials had reached the office prior to the Conference. Further, it is important that governments utilise the suggested form for credentials of delegates, enclosed with the letter of convocation and the Memorandum communicated to governments every year prior to the session of the Conference. In order to comply with article 3, paragraph 5 of the Constitution, it is necessary that Governments provide exact information on the employers' and workers' organizations consulted in nominating Employers' and Workers' delegates and advisers as well as on the organizations which have agreed to such nominations.

21. The Credentials Committee submits the present report to the Conference in order that the Conference may take note of it.

Geneva, 6 June 2001.

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