



Reports of the Credentials Committee

Brief report presented on behalf of the Chairperson of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, on the credentials of delegates and advisers to the 90th Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 3 June 2002)

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. The Conference exercises this power in accordance with the procedure laid down in articles 5 and 26 of its Standing Orders, through the Credentials Committee.

4. 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 Chairperson 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". Notwithstanding, this year due to the exceptional opening of the Conference on Monday, this report has been prepared the same day as the opening.

5. 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.

6. The table below established on Monday, 3 June 2002 at 4 p.m. and 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 International Labour Office, shows the numerical composition of the Conference. In this regard, it should be noted that the persons who have been nominated both as substitute delegates and as advisers, in the letters communicating the nominations, have been included in the table amongst the advisers.

7. To date, 156 States have notified the names of the members of the delegations. Eighty-seven coun-

tries 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.

8. 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, two countries (Belize and Somalia) have nominated until now only Government delegates. All other delegations are complete with regard to paragraph 2 of article 4 of the Constitution, which is to say including employers and workers.

9. It should be noted that in the letters or facsimiles communicating their nominations, 50 governments have not mentioned the organizations to which the employers and workers belong. In addition, 69 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.

10. 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

11. At present 306 Government delegates, 154 Employers' delegates and 154 Workers' delegates – a total of 614 delegates are accredited to the Conference.

12. There are, in addition, 867 Government advisers, 421 Employers' advisers and 541 Workers' advisers – a total of 1,829 advisers.

13. 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 2,443.

14. Amongst those States actually represented, 17 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, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ecuador, Georgia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Liberia, Republic of Moldova, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tajikistan and Togo). Account is therefore not taken of 65 delegates in calculating the quorum.

15. 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 275.¹

Observers

16. For the moment, accredited to the Conference is an observers' delegation of the Holy See.

Liberation movement and organizations invited

17. 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;

¹ That is, half the total number of accredited delegates (614), after subtraction of the number not entitled to vote on account of arrears (65).

- 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.

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

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