

The following clarifications seem necessary to answer the queries made by several governments with respect to the composition of the delegations for the 94th (Maritime) Session of the International Labour Conference:

Article 3, paragraph 2, of the ILO Constitution provides that each delegate may be accompanied by up to two advisers for each technical item on the agenda of the Conference. As the agenda of the 94th Session of the Conference contains only one technical item (document GB.286/3/2, March 2003), the list of delegations cannot include, for each Member, more than four (4) advisers in the Government delegation, two (2) advisers for the Employers' delegation, and two (2) advisers for the Workers' delegation.

In addition, article 2, paragraph 3(i), of the Standing Orders of the Conference allows Members to nominate other persons to occupy advisers' posts that may fall vacant in their delegations. Pursuant to a 1996 decision of the Credentials Commission (*Provisional Record* No. 5, ILC, 83rd Session) the number of such persons may not exceed half of the number of advisers, which for the 94th Session of the Conference means two (2) for the Government delegation, and one (1) each for Employers' and Workers' delegations.

Any additional persons included in the credentials submitted by a Member will appear in the list of delegations under the heading "Other persons attending the Conference".

These categories determined by the Constitution should not have any practical consequences other than the insertion of the names indicated in the credentials under separate headings in the list of the delegations. In particular, any person nominated by a Member and duly accredited can contribute to the work of the Committee of the Whole or to working parties that may be established.

In order to permit speedy compilation of the provisional list of delegations, Members are invited to clearly indicate, within the above numerical limits, the function given to each of the persons accredited:

- delegates,
- advisers (including substitute delegates),

- persons designated in accordance with article 2, 3(i), of the Standing Orders, and
- other persons attending the Conference.