



Reports of the Selection Committee

First report

1. Election of the Officers of the Committee

In accordance with article 57 of the Standing Orders of the Conference, the Selection Committee elected its Officers as follows:

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Mr P. Macedo (Mexico)
<i>Employer Vice-Chairperson:</i>	Mr A. M'Kaissi (Tunisia)
<i>Worker Vice-Chairperson:</i>	Mr L. Trotman (Barbados)

2. Reminder of the Selection Committee's authority under the Standing Orders

The Selection Committee was reminded that, at its 90th Session (2002), the Conference had adopted a set of amendments to its Standing Orders aimed at streamlining a number of Conference procedures.¹

For the Selection Committee, these amendments have resulted in two important changes. Firstly, under article 4, paragraph 2, of the Standing Orders, the Selection Committee, in addition to its traditional authority to fix the time and agenda of the plenary sittings, is now responsible for acting on behalf of the Conference with respect to decisions on non-controversial questions of a routine nature. Thus, except where consensus cannot be reached in respect of any particular question requiring a decision for the proper conduct of business, the Selection Committee can now decide on its own authority and its decisions no longer need to be endorsed by the Conference. Secondly, under article 9(a) of the Standing Orders, the Committee is no longer responsible for approving changes in the composition of committees, once their initial membership has been determined by the Conference. This responsibility is now exercised by each group, except in the case of the Selection Committee itself, the Credentials Committee, the Conference Drafting Committee and the Finance Committee of Government Representatives.

¹ *Provisional Records* No 2, 90th Session of the International Labour Conference, 2002.

3. Discussion of the Reports of the Chairperson of the Governing Body and of the Director-General: Opening date for the discussion and closing date for the list of speakers

The Selection Committee decided that the discussion of the Reports of the Chairperson of the Governing Body and the Director-General would begin on Monday, 11 June, at 10 a.m., and that the list of speakers would close on Friday, 8 June, at 6 p.m., under the usual conditions.

The Committee also recommended that the Conference endorse the procedures for the submission of speeches, and rules governing their publication set out in Appendix I. As a consequence, and as proposed to the Conference, the Conference may decide, pursuant to article 76 of the Conference Standing Orders, to suspend article 24, paragraph 5, of the Standing Orders solely as to the requirement of translation and circulation of speeches in English, French and Spanish.

In this connection, a Worker member pointed out that the Standing Orders of the ILO had been drafted with a view to ensuring that the institution could operate democratically, without prejudice to one of the official languages. The suspensions were largely dictated by the need to make savings. While not opposing them, the speaker disapproved of such economies and expected the situation to be rectified.

The Worker Vice-Chairperson endorsed the previous speaker's comments. He observed that the delays incurred in opening the Conference would probably oblige the Selection Committee to consider extending the hours of work to allow the business of the Conference to reach completion.

4. Discussion of the Global Report under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work

At its 292nd Session (March 2005), the Governing Body invited the Conference to adopt a set of provisional ad hoc arrangements for the discussion of the Global Report under the follow-up to the Declaration, which are reproduced in Appendix II.

On the basis of those proposed arrangements and subject to the Conference's approval of the necessary suspension of the specified elements of the Standing Orders, the Selection Committee decided that the Global Report under the follow-up to the Declaration would be dealt with separately from the Reports of the Chairperson of the Governing Body and of the Director-General, in a maximum of two plenary sittings entirely devoted to it, on the same day. The Committee further decided that the two sittings would be held on Friday, 8 June.

5. Plan of work of Conference committees

The Selection Committee endorsed a draft plan of work for committees, which is not binding but would enable them, in organizing their work, to take maximum possible account of the overall needs and possibilities of the Conference, is attached in tabular form in Appendix III.

6. Standing Orders of the International Labour Conference: Status of *Interim provisions concerning the verification of credentials*

At its 298th Session (March 2007), the Governing Body, acting upon the recommendation of its Committee on Legal Issues and International Labour Standards (LILS),² invited the Conference to extend the validity of the *Interim provisions concerning the verification of credentials* until the end of the 97th Session (2008) of the Conference. This was done to remove any ambiguity as to which rules would govern verifications of credentials during the 97th Session of the Conference.

As additional background, the International Labour Conference, acting upon a proposal of the Governing Body,³ adopted the *Interim provisions concerning the verification of credentials* at its 92nd Session (June 2004). These *Interim provisions* became effective at the 93rd Session (June 2005) and are to remain in force until the end of the 96th Session (May–June 2007) of the Conference.⁴ The provisions appear in Appendix IV to this document.

The record of discussion at the 2004 Conference reflects a conclusion that the Governing Body would need to evaluate the system established by the *Interim provisions* following the end of the 96th Session (2007) of the Conference, with a view to reporting to the Conference in June 2008. This evaluation will be for the Governing Body to discuss between the 2007 and 2008 sessions of the Conference. Since the *Interim provisions* would lapse automatically at the end of the period of their validity (2007) unless the Conference takes a decision to renew them, it is necessary to determine which rules will govern the verification of credentials during the 97th Session (2008) of the Conference, pending possible discussion of the evaluation by the Governing Body.

This determination will need to be done at the present session of the Conference. To avoid a possible legal void, the Governing Body has invited the Conference to extend the validity of the *Interim provisions concerning the verification of credentials* until the end of the 97th Session (2008) of the Conference.

In light of the above, the Selection Committee recommended that the Conference extend the validity of the *Interim provisions concerning the verification of credentials* until the end of the 97th Session (2008) of the Conference. The text of a resolution to this effect, which the Committee submits to the Conference for adoption together with this report, is contained in Appendix V.

7. Suggestions to facilitate the work of the Conference

As in previous years, the Selection Committee confirmed the following principles.

² Documents GB.298/9 and GB.298/LILS/2.

³ GB.289/11.

⁴ *Provisional Records* Nos 2, 16 and 23, 92nd Session of the International Labour Conference, 2004.

(a) Quorum

- (i) The quorum will be fixed provisionally, on the basis of the credentials received, in the brief report of the Chairperson of the Governing Body on the day before the opening of the Conference; the said report is published as a *Provisional Record*. This provisional quorum will remain unchanged until the Credentials Committee determines the quorum on the basis of registrations, it being understood that, if an important vote were to take place in the initial stages of the Conference (once the Credentials Committee has been appointed), the Conference might request the Credentials Committee to determine the quorum in an urgent report.
- (ii) Thereafter, the quorum will be adjusted, under the authority of the Credentials Committee, so as to take into account new registrations and notices of departure from delegates leaving the Conference.
- (iii) Delegates should register personally, immediately on arrival, as the quorum is calculated on the basis of the number of delegates registered.
- (iv) Acceptance of appointment as a delegate implies an obligation to be available in Geneva personally, or through an adviser authorized to act as a substitute for the work of the Conference until its end, as important votes often take place on the last day.
- (v) Delegates who are nevertheless obliged to leave the Conference before it finishes should give notice of their forthcoming departure to the secretariat of the Conference. The form utilized to indicate their date of departure also enables them to authorize an adviser to act and to vote in their place. At group meetings held during the second half of the Conference the attention of members of the groups will be drawn to the importance of completing and handing in this form.
- (vi) In addition, one Government delegate of a country may report the departure of the other Government delegate, and the secretaries of the Employers' and Workers' groups may also give notice of the final departure of members of their groups, who have not authorized advisers to act in their place.
- (vii) When a record vote is taken in plenary while committees are sitting, delegates are both entitled and expected to leave committees to vote unless they are replaced by a substitute in plenary. Announcements are made in the committees to ensure that all delegates are aware that a record vote is about to take place. Appropriate arrangements will be made for committees meeting in the ILO building.

(b) Punctuality

The Selection Committee would encourage committee chairpersons to start proceedings punctually, irrespective of the number of persons present, but on condition that votes will not be taken unless a quorum is clearly present.

(c) Negotiations

In order to facilitate more continuous negotiation in committees among delegates, representatives of each group should meet with the chairperson and reporter of the committee and with the representative of the Secretary-General, whenever this is desirable, to ensure that the leaders of each group know fully the minds of the delegates in the other groups. The function of these informal meetings is to afford opportunities for a fuller understanding of differences of view before definite positions have crystallized.

8. Participation in Conference committees by Members having lost the right to vote

At its 239th Session (February–March 1988), the Governing Body considered the implications of the appointment, as regular members of Conference committees, of representatives of a member State which had lost the right to vote under article 13, paragraph 4, of the Constitution of the ILO. It noted that, while the appointment of Employer and Worker representatives from such a State had no practical implications, because the Employers' and Workers' groups operated an effective system under article 56, paragraph 5(b), of the Conference Standing Orders for ensuring that deputy members of a committee voted in the place of regular members deprived of the right to vote, the same was not true of the Government group. As a result, if a Government that has lost the right to vote is appointed as a regular member of a committee, the distribution of votes between the three groups is distorted because the weighting of votes is based on the full regular membership and in practice the Government regular members of committees who are unable to vote do not make use of the possibility afforded by article 56, paragraph 5(a), of appointing a deputy member to vote in their place.

The Governing Body accordingly recommended that, in order to avoid such distortions, members of the Government group should not apply for regular membership of committees if they were not at the time in question entitled to vote. Should this practice, which has been maintained at all sessions of the Conference since 1987, for any reason not be fully respected, the weighting coefficients in committees should be calculated on the basis of the number of Government members entitled to vote.

The Selection Committee confirmed that the calculation of weighting coefficients for votes in committees should be based on the number of regular Government members entitled to vote.

9. Requests for representation in Conference committees submitted by non-governmental international organizations

In accordance with article 2, paragraph 3(j), of the Standing Orders of the Conference, the Officers of the Governing Body have invited on its behalf certain non-governmental international organizations to be represented at the present session of the Conference, it being understood that it would be for the Selection Committee of the Conference to consider their requests to be present at the committees dealing with items on the agenda in which they have expressed a particular interest.

In accordance with article 86, paragraph 9, of the Standing Orders of the Conference, the Selection Committee invited the following organizations to be represented in the committees stated.

Committee on the Application of Standards

Anti-Slavery International

Building and Woodworkers International

Caritas Internationalis

Defence for Children International
Democratic Organization of African Workers' Trade Unions
Education International
European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions
European Trade Union Confederation
Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations
General Confederation of Trade Unions
Ibero-American Confederation of Labour Inspectors
Inclusion International – International League of Societies for Persons with Mental Handicap
International Alliance of Women
International Centre for Trade Union Rights
International Energy and Mines Organization
International Federation of Social Workers
International Federation of University Women
International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation
Latin American Central of Workers
Organization of African Trade Union Unity
Permanent Congress of Trade Union Unity of Latin American Workers
Public Services International
Social Alert
Trade Unions International of Workers in Agriculture, Food, Commerce, Textiles and Allied Industries
World Federation of Trade Unions
World Federation of United Nations Associations
World Movement of Christian Workers
World Organization against Torture
Zonta International

Committee on the Fishing Sector

Center for Migration Studies
Defence for Children International
General Confederation of Trade Unions
Ibero-American Confederation of Labour Inspectors

International Alliance of Women
International Christian Maritime Association
International Collective in Support of Fishworkers
International Federation of Shipmasters' Associations
International Federation of University Women
International Transport Workers' Federation
International Young Christian Workers
Latin American Central of Workers
Organization of African Trade Union Unity
Permanent Congress of Trade Union Unity of Latin American Workers
Social Alert
Trade Unions International of Workers in Agriculture, Food, Commerce, Textiles and Allied Industries
World Association of Women Entrepreneurs
World Federation of Trade Unions
World Movement of Christian Workers
World Organization against Torture
Zonta International

Committee on Strengthening the ILO's Capacity

Building and Woodworkers International
Defence for Children International
Democratic Organization of African Workers' Trade Unions
Education International
European Trade Union Confederation
General Confederation of Trade Unions
Inclusion International – International League of Societies for Persons with Mental Handicap
International Alliance of Women
International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance
International Catholic Migration Commission
International Coordination of Young Christian Workers
International Energy and Mines Organization
International Federation of Business and Professional Women

International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers' Unions
International Federation of Social Workers
International Federation of University Women
International Federation of Workers' Education Associations
International Movement ATD Fourth World
International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation
Organization of African Trade Union Unity
Permanent Congress of Trade Union Unity of Latin American Workers
Trade Union Advisory Committee to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Trade Unions International of Public and Allied Employees
Trade Unions International of Workers in Agriculture, Food, Commerce, Textiles and Allied Industries
Trade Unions International of Workers of Energy, Metal, Chemical, Oil and Allied Industries
Trade Unions International of Workers of the Building, Wood and Building Materials Industries
Union Network International
World Association of Women Entrepreneurs
World Federation for Mental Health
World Federation of Trade Unions
World Federation of United Nations Associations
World Movement of Christian Workers
World Organization against Torture
Zonta International

Committee on Sustainable Enterprises

Building and Woodworkers International
Democratic Organization of African Workers' Trade Unions
European Confederation of Executives and Managerial Staff
European Trade Union Confederation
Exchange and Cooperation Centre for Latin America
Inclusion International – International League of Societies for Persons with Mental Handicap
International Alliance of Women

International Association for Educational and Vocational Guidance
International Christian Union of Business Executives
International Energy and Mines Organization
International Federation Terre des Hommes
International Federation of Business and Professional Women
International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers' Unions
International Federation of Social Workers
International Federation of University Women
International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation
Organization of African Trade Union Unity
Permanent Congress of Trade Union Unity of Latin American Workers
Soroptimist International
Trade Union Advisory Committee to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Trade Unions International of Workers in Agriculture, Food, Commerce, Textiles and Allied Industries
Union Network International
Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing
World Association of Women Entrepreneurs
World Federation of United Nations Associations
World Movement of Christian Workers
World Organization against Torture
Zonta International

10. Composition of the Credentials Committee

The Selection Committee took note of the composition of the Credentials Committee, appointed at the first sitting of the Conference, as follows:

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Mr J. Kavuludi (Kenya)
<i>Employer Vice-Chairperson:</i>	Ms L. Horvatic (Croatia)
<i>Worker Vice-Chairperson:</i>	Mr U. Edström (Sweden)

11. Appointment of the Conference Drafting Committee

The Selection Committee decided that, in accordance with the provisions of article 6, paragraph 1, of the Standing Orders and past practice, the Conference Drafting Committee should be composed as follows:

- The President of the Conference or his/her representative.
- The Secretary-General of the Conference or his/her representative.
- The Legal Adviser of the Conference and his/her deputy.
- The Director of the International Labour Standards Department.
- The members of the relevant committee's drafting committee.

Attention is drawn to the fact that all members of the Conference Drafting Committee must be available on the day on which the report of a standard-setting committee is submitted to the plenary of the Conference. At this session of the Conference, it is anticipated that the report of the Committee on the Fishing Sector will be presented to the plenary on 12 June.

12. Delegation of authority to the Officers of the Selection Committee

In accordance with the usual practice and by virtue of article 4, paragraph 2, of the Standing Orders, the Selection Committee delegated to its Officers the authority to arrange, as and when required, the programme of the Conference and fix the time and agenda of plenary sittings as well as to decide on any non-controversial issues of a routine nature necessary for the running of the Conference.

The effect of this delegation of authority will be that the Selection Committee will only be called on to meet during the present session of the Conference if other substantive matters requiring a decision arise. Any such meeting will be announced in the *Daily Bulletin*.

13. Other questions

A description of the electronic voting system, to be used in principle for all votes in plenary sittings in accordance with article 19, paragraph 15, of the Standing Orders, is attached in Appendix VI.

An Employer member expressed surprise, which was echoed by the Chairperson, that despite the importance of the role of the Selection Committee, with its responsibility for directing the work of the Conference, very few of the 56 regular and deputy Government members were in attendance.

Geneva, 1 June 2007.

(Signed) P. Macedo,
Chairperson.

Appendix I

Information for delegates on submission of speeches

With regard to the discussion of the Reports of the Chairperson of the Governing Body and of the Director-General, typewritten versions of the prepared speeches to be delivered in the plenary sittings should be submitted to the Office of the Clerk of the Conference preferably the day before but, in any event, at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled time for the delegate to address the Conference.

The speech should be presented to the plenary in accordance with the written version. The written version, as submitted, will be reproduced in writing in the Conference *Provisional Record* in a single trilingual document in English, French or Spanish. Each speech will be printed in the language corresponding to the language chosen by the government of the delegate's country for purposes of official correspondence with the ILO.

Speakers should only include an appropriate volume of material in their speech so that it can be delivered comfortably within the allotted five minutes, and at a reasonable speed with a view to accurate simultaneous interpretation.¹

It is also planned to webcast and web record the live address and its simultaneous interpretation into the other Conference languages which will be immediately accessible during the Conference and for two weeks thereafter. The audio recording of the address in the original language is the authoritative version of the speech. Any simultaneous interpretation thereof, while delivered with best efforts at full accuracy, may contain inadvertent errors attributable to the conditions under which the recording takes place. The failure to submit written texts 12 hours in advance, or the inclusion of excessive material in the delivery, may result in the omission of the web recording of the interpreted versions of the speech in question.

¹ By way of a guide, this corresponds to up to three typed double-spaced pages.

Appendix II

Ad hoc arrangements for the discussion of the Global Report under the follow-up to the Declaration at the 93rd Session of the International Labour Conference¹

Principle of the discussion

Having regard to the various options referred to in the annex to the Declaration, the Governing Body recommends that the Global Report submitted to the Conference by the Director-General should be dealt with by the Conference, separately from the Director-General's Reports under article 12 of the Conference Standing Orders.

Timing of the discussion

A maximum of two sittings on the same day should be convened for the thematic discussion of the Global Report, with the possibility, if necessary, of extending the sitting. In order to take account of the programme of work of the Conference and of the fact that a number of ministers who usually are present during the second week of the Conference may wish to take the floor, the discussion of the Global Report should be held during the second week of the Conference. The date will be determined by the Selection Committee.

Procedure for the discussion

The separate discussion of the Global Report recommended above implies in particular that the statements made during the discussion of the Global Report should not fall under the limitation concerning the number of statements by each speaker in plenary provided for in article 12, paragraph 3, of the Standing Orders, and that the discussion should not be governed by the provisions of article 14, paragraph 6, concerning the time limit for speeches. Furthermore, exchanges of views on the suggested points for thematic discussion should not be subject to the restrictions laid down in article 14, paragraph 2, concerning the order in which speakers are called. These provisions should accordingly be suspended under the procedure provided for in article 76 of the Standing Orders to the extent necessary for the discussion of the Global Report.

Organization of the discussion

Given that the thematic discussion is not intended to lead to the adoption of conclusions or decisions by the Conference, on the one hand, and in consideration of the abovementioned suspensions of the Standing Orders, on the other, the Selection Committee may decide that this discussion should be conducted as a plenary committee and be chaired by one of the Officers of the Conference. Should the need arise, the Chairperson might be assisted by a moderator appointed by the Officers of the Conference.

Report to the plenary

The Chairperson of the plenary committee would present a short oral report to the plenary of the Conference and the thematic discussion would be reproduced in the *Provisional Record*.

¹ Adopted by the Governing Body at its 292nd Session (March 2005).

Appendix III Tentative plan of work 96th Session (30 May–15 June 2007) of the International Labour Conference

	T 29	W 30	Th 31	F 1	S 2	M 4	T 5	W 6	Th 7	F 8	S 9	M 11	T 12	W 13	Th 14	F 15
Group meetings	■										■					
Plenary sittings		■				■				■ ³		■ ⁴	■ ⁴	■ ⁴	■ ⁴	■
Selection Committee		■ ¹														
Finance Committee			■	■			□		A				PI		V	
Committee on the Application of Standards		■ ¹	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		A			PI
Committee on the Fishing Sector		■ ²	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	CDC	A	PI	DC	V	
Committee on Strengthening the ILO's Capacity		■ ¹	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	□			A		PI
Committee on Sustainable Enterprises		■ ¹	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		A		PI		
Governing Body																■ ⁵

¹ From 11 a.m.

² From 12 noon.

³ Discussion of the Global Report under the Follow-up to the ILO Declaration.

⁴ Extended sitting if necessary.

⁵ On completion of the Conference.

CDC Committee Drafting Committee.

DC Conference Drafting Committee.

A Adoption by the Committee of its report.

PI Adoption of the report by the Conference in plenary sitting.

V Record vote in plenary sitting.

■ Half-day sitting.

■ All-day sitting.

□ Sitting if necessary.

Appendix IV

Interim provisions concerning the verification of credentials, effective from the 93rd Session (June 2005) to the 96th Session (June 2007) of the International Labour Conference

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE VERIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

ARTICLE 5

Credentials Committee

1. The Conference shall, on the nomination of the Selection Committee, appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of one Government delegate, one Employers' delegate and one Workers' delegate.

2. The Credentials Committee shall examine, in accordance with the provisions of section B of Part II:

- (a) the credentials as well as any objection relating to the credentials of delegates and their advisers or to the failure to deposit credentials of an Employers' or Workers' delegate;
- (b) any complaint of non-observance of paragraph 2(a) of article 13 of the Constitution;
- (c) the monitoring of any situation with regard to the observance of the provisions of article 3 or article 13, paragraph 2(a), of the Constitution about which the Conference has requested a report.

PART II

Standing Orders concerning special subjects

SECTION B

Verification of credentials

ARTICLE 26

Examination of credentials

1. The credentials of delegates and their advisers and of all other accredited members of the delegation of a member State shall be deposited with the International Labour Office at least 15 days before the date fixed for the opening of the session of the Conference.

2. A brief report upon these credentials shall be drawn up by the Chairman of the Governing Body. It shall, with the credentials, be made available for inspection on the day before the opening of the session of the Conference and shall be published on the day of the opening of the session.

3. The Credentials Committee appointed by the Conference in pursuance of article 5 of the Standing Orders of the Conference shall consider the credentials, as well as any appeal, objection, complaint or report concerning them.

ARTICLE 26BIS

Objections

1. An objection in pursuance of article 5, paragraph 2(b), shall not be receivable in the following cases:

- (a) if the objection is not lodged with the Secretary-General within 72 hours from 10 a.m. of the first day of the Conference, date of publication in the *Provisional Record*, of the official list of delegations on the basis of which the objection to the inclusion or exclusion of the name and function of a person is submitted. If the objection is based on a revised list, the time limit shall be reduced to 48 hours;
- (b) if the authors of the objection remain anonymous;
- (c) if the author of the objection is serving as adviser to the delegate to whose nomination objection is taken;
- (d) if the objection is based upon facts or allegations which the Conference, by a debate and a decision referring to identical facts or allegations, has already discussed and recognized to be irrelevant or devoid of substance.

2. The procedure for the determination of whether an objection is receivable shall be as follows:

- (a) the Credentials Committee shall consider in respect of each objection whether on any of the grounds set forth in paragraph 1 the objection is irreceivable;
- (b) if the Committee reaches a unanimous conclusion concerning the receivability of the objection, its decision shall be final;
- (c) if the Credentials Committee does not reach a unanimous conclusion concerning the receivability of the objection, it shall refer the matter to the Conference which shall, on being furnished with a record of the Committee's discussions and with a report setting forth the opinion of the majority and minority of its members, decide without further discussion whether the objection is receivable.

3. The Credentials Committee shall consider whether every objection deemed to be receivable is well founded and shall as a matter of urgency submit a report thereon to the Conference.

4. If the Credentials Committee or any member thereof submits a report advising that the Conference should refuse to admit any delegate or adviser, the President shall submit this proposal to the Conference for decision, and the Conference, if it deems that the delegate or adviser has not been nominated in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, may, in accordance with paragraph 9 of article 3 thereof, refuse by two-thirds of the votes cast by the delegates present to admit the delegate or adviser. Delegates who are in favour of refusing to admit the delegate or adviser shall vote "Yes"; delegates who are opposed to refusing to admit the delegate or adviser shall vote "No".

5. Pending final decision of the question of his admission, any delegate or adviser to whose nomination objection has been taken shall have the same rights as other delegates and advisers.

6. If the Credentials Committee considers unanimously that the issues raised by an objection relate to a violation of the principles of freedom of association which has not already been examined by the Governing Body's Committee on Freedom of Association, it may propose referral of the question to that Committee. The Conference shall decide, without discussion, on such proposals for referral.

7. When, in the light of the examination of an objection, the Credentials Committee unanimously considers that it is necessary to monitor the situation, it may propose this to the Conference, which shall decide, without discussion, on the proposal. If it is so decided, the Government concerned shall report on such questions that the Credentials Committee judges necessary, to the subsequent session of the Conference when it submits the delegation's credentials.

ARTICLE 26TER

Complaints

1. The Credentials Committee may consider complaints that a Member has failed to comply with paragraph 2(a) of article 13 of the Constitution where:

- (a) the Member is alleged to have failed to pay the travelling and subsistence expenses of one or more of the delegates that it has nominated in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the Constitution; or
- (b) the complaint alleges a serious and manifest imbalance as between the number of Employer or Worker advisers whose expenses have been covered in the delegation concerned and the number of advisers appointed for the Government delegates.

2. A complaint referred to in paragraph 1 shall not be receivable in the following cases:

- (a) if the complaint is not lodged with the Secretary-General of the Conference before 10 a.m. on the seventh day following the opening of the Conference and the Committee considers that there is insufficient time to deal with it properly; or
- (b) if the complaint is not lodged by an accredited delegate or adviser alleging non-payment of travel and subsistence expenses in the circumstances set out under (a) or (b) of paragraph 1 or by an organization or person acting on his or her behalf.

3. The Credentials Committee shall, in its report, present to the Conference any conclusions that it has unanimously reached on each complaint considered by it.

4. When, in the light of the examination of an objection, the Credentials Committee unanimously considers that it is necessary to monitor the situation, it may propose this to the Conference, which shall decide, without discussion, on the proposal. If it is so decided, the Government concerned shall report on such questions that the Credentials Committee judges necessary, to the subsequent session of the Conference when it submits the delegation's credentials.

ARTICLE 26QUATER

Monitoring

The Credentials Committee also monitors any situation relating to respect by a member State for the provisions of articles 3 or 13, paragraph 2(a), of the Constitution with regard to which the Conference has requested the government concerned to report. With this objective, the Committee shall report to the Conference on the evolution of the situation. It may unanimously propose any one of the measures contained in paragraphs 4 to 7 of article 26bis or paragraphs 3 and 4 of article 26ter. The Conference shall decide, without discussion, on such proposals.

Appendix V

Resolution concerning the extension of the validity of the *Interim provisions concerning the verification of credentials*

Whereas the International Labour Conference, at its 92nd Session (2004), adopted *Interim provisions concerning the verification of credentials*, to be effective from the 93rd Session (June 2005) to the 96th Session (June 2007) of the International Labour Conference, and

Whereas the Governing Body of the International Labour Office is to evaluate the system established by the *Interim provisions* following the end of the 96th Session (2007) of the International Labour Conference, with a view to reporting to the Conference at its 97th Session (2008), and

Whereas the Governing Body decided at its 298th Session (March 2007) to request the International Labour Conference to extend the period of validity of the *Interim provisions* until the end of the 97th (2008) Session of the Conference, in order to avoid a possible void in the application of these provisions prior to their review by the Conference,

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization, meeting in its 96th Session (Geneva, 30 May–15 June 2007),

Decides to extend the validity of the *Interim provisions concerning the verification of credentials*, adopted at the 92nd Session of the International Labour Conference, so that they will be applicable in the period between the end of the 96th Session (2007) and the end of 97th Session (2008) of the International Labour Conference.

Appendix VI

The electronic voting system

The electronic system provides for votes (in most cases: yes, no, abstention) to be expressed by means of a “voting station” that will be made available to all delegates or persons empowered to vote on their behalf.

Where the electronic system is used, the subject and question to be voted on will be displayed and the President or Chairperson will announce the beginning of the vote. After the President or Chairperson has made sure that all delegates have been given sufficient opportunity to record their vote in one of the voting stations available to them, the President or Chairperson will announce the closure of the vote.

Where the method of vote is by show of hands, once all votes have been registered the final voting figures will be immediately displayed and subsequently published with the following indications: total number of votes in favour, total number of votes against, total number of abstentions and the quorum as well as the majority required.

Where a record vote is taken, once all votes have been registered the final voting figures will be immediately displayed with the following indications: total number of votes in favour, total number of votes against, total number of abstentions and the quorum as well as the majority required. These indications will subsequently be published together with a list of the delegates who have voted, showing how each has voted.

In the case of a secret ballot, once all votes have been registered the final voting figures will be immediately displayed and subsequently published with the following indications: total number of votes in favour, total number of votes against, total number of abstentions and the quorum as well as the majority required. There will be absolutely no access possible to individual votes nor any record of how each delegate has voted.

It is important that each delegate should already have decided whether he or she or another member of their delegation will exercise the right to vote in a given case. Where more than one vote is nevertheless cast on behalf of a delegate at two different moments, or from two different places, only the first vote will be recognized, whether made by a delegate, by a substitute delegate or by an adviser who has received a specific written authorization to that end. Such specific authorizations must reach the secretariat sufficiently before the opening of voting is announced, so as to be duly recorded.

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