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I


The Conference draws the attention of the Members of the Organisation to the importance of prompt ratification of the Instrument of Amendment to the Constitution of the Organisation adopted by it on 5 November 1945 as a necessary preliminary to the fuller consideration of constitutional questions at next year's session of the Conference, and ventures to hope that this Instrument will have been ratified by all Members of the Organisation before the opening of the next general session of the Conference.

II


Whereas the Charter of the United Nations proclaims the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to “save succeeding generations from the scourge of war” to “reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights” and in “the dignity and worth of the human person”, to “establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained”, “to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom”, and for these ends “to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples”; and

Whereas the Charter establishes for the attainment of these ends an international organisation to be known as the United Nations
and provides that international organisations established by intergovernmental agreement, and having wide international responsibilities, as defined by their basic Instruments, in economic, social, cultural, educational, health and related fields, shall be brought into relationship with the United Nations; and

Whereas the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation affirms that universal peace can be established only if it is based on social justice, and declares the Intentions of the High Contracting Parties, moved by sentiments of justice and humanity as well as by the desire to secure the permanent peace of the world, to establish the International Labour Organisation as a permanent organisation for the promotion of social justice; and

Whereas the Conference of the International Labour Organisation meeting at New York, on 4 November 1941, unanimously declared the victory of the free peoples in the war against totalitarian aggression to be an indispensable condition of the attainment of the ideals of the International Labour Organisation; and

Whereas the Declaration of Philadelphia, which was unanimously adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organisation meeting in its Twenty-sixth Session at Philadelphia on 10 May 1944, "recognises the solemn obligation of the International Labour Organisation to further among the nations of the world programmes which will achieve", among other ends, "full employment and the raising of standards of living", and "pledges the full co-operation of the International Labour Organisation with such international bodies as may be entrusted with a share of the responsibility" for "the fuller and broader utilisation of the world’s productive resources necessary for the achievement of these objectives" and for "the promotion of the health, education and well-being of all peoples"; and

Whereas the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, meeting in London in its Ninety-fourth Session, adopted unanimously on 25 January 1945 a statement affirming the desire of the International Labour Organisation for association with the general international organisation then contemplated; and

Whereas this statement was conveyed by the International Labour Organisation to the United Nations Conference on International Organisation at San Francisco; and

Whereas the Governing Body of the International Labour Office has expressed its desire that all the members of the United Nations should be associated with the work of the International Labour Organisation,

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation:

2. Expresses the keen satisfaction of the International Labour Organisation that the Charter provides that the United Nations shall promote — (a) higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development; (b) solutions of international economic, social, health, and related problems, and international cultural and educational co-operation; and (c) universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion, and embodies a pledge by all members of the United Nations to take joint and separate action in co-operation with the United Nations for the achievement of these purposes.

3. Confirms the desire of the International Labour Organisation to enter into relationship with the United Nations on terms, to be determined by agreement, which will permit the International Labour Organisation, in which the representatives of workers and employers enjoy equal status with those of Governments, to cooperate fully for the attainment of these ends, while retaining the authority essential for the discharge of its responsibilities under the Constitution of the Organisation and the Declaration of Philadelphia; and

4. Authorises the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to enter, subject to the approval of the Conference, into such agreements with the appropriate authorities of the United Nations as may be necessary or desirable for this purpose.