



## Reports on credentials

### **Brief report presented by the Chairperson of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office on the credentials of the delegates and advisers to the 97th Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 27 May 2008)**

1. The composition of each delegation and the procedure for appointing delegates and advisers to 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 article 3 of the Constitution, it is for the governments to communicate the nominations to the International Labour Office. The Conference examines these nominations and decides, in the case of dispute, whether delegates and advisers have been nominated in accordance with this article of the Constitution.
3. The Conference exercises this power through the Credentials Committee in accordance with the procedure laid down in articles 5 and 26 of its Standing Orders.
4. By virtue of paragraph 2 of article 26 of the Standing Orders of the Conference: “A brief report upon these credentials, drawn up by the Chairman 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.”
5. The present report serves to provisionally fix the quorum necessary to give validity to the votes taken, in accordance with paragraph 1(2) of article 20 of the Standing Orders of the Conference.
6. The attached table, which was established on Tuesday, 27 May 2008, at 2 p.m., shows the numerical composition of the delegations to the Conference based on the credentials provided. In this regard, it should be noted that the persons who have been nominated both as substitute delegates and as advisers have been included in the table amongst the advisers.
7. To date, 164 member States have communicated the names of the members of their delegations. Ninety countries (one more than last year) deposited their credentials on or before 13 May 2008, thus meeting the 15-day deadline before the date fixed for the

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opening of the Conference, in compliance with paragraph 1 of article 26 of the Standing Orders of the Conference. The *First Provisional List of Delegations*, which appears on the opening day of the Conference, contains the names of the accredited participants received as of Tuesday, 27 May 2008, at 2 p.m.

8. Furthermore, while the Conference and the Credentials Committee have previously insisted on the obligation which article 3 of the Constitution imposes on governments requiring them to send complete delegations to the Conference, two member States (Somalia and Timor-Leste) have accredited delegations exclusively composed of Government delegates. In addition, two member States (Haiti and Myanmar) have appointed an Employers' delegate but no Workers' delegate, while one other member State (Gambia) has appointed a Workers' delegate but no Employers' delegate.
9. Three member States (Afghanistan, Djibouti and Guinea-Bissau) have not yet mentioned in their communications the organizations to which their Employers' and Workers' delegates and advisers belong or their respective functions. These governments are urged to complete this information as soon as possible.
10. Fifty-five governments (11 less than last year) have not confirmed that they would cover their delegates' and advisers' travel and subsistence expenses, 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 is advisable that governments use the form enclosed with the letter of convocation to the Conference which the Office addresses every year to member States or the *On-line Credentials*<sup>1</sup> application made available by the Office.
11. Finally, I urge all delegates and advisers to get registered at the Registration Desk that is located at the Pavilion, which is near the ILO building, since the daily quorum is calculated on the basis of the number of delegates actually registered.

### **Composition of the Conference and quorum**

12. At present 326 Government delegates, 161 Employers' delegates and 160 Workers' delegates – a total of 647 delegates – are accredited to the Conference.
13. There are, in addition, 1,030 Government advisers, 491 Employers' advisers and 607 Workers' advisers – a total of 2,128 advisers.
14. A total of 2,775 delegates and advisers have been nominated to take part in the work of the Conference in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Organization.
15. Amongst those member States currently accredited, 14 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 of the Conference or any of its committees (Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Somalia and Togo). Therefore, 52 delegates are not taken into account in calculating the quorum, nor are three delegates who, in accordance with article 4, paragraph 2, of the Constitution, cannot vote owing to the incomplete nature of their respective delegations (see paragraph 8 above).

<sup>1</sup> <http://ilc.ilo.org/credentials/index.asp>.

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16. In conformity with article 17 of the Constitution of the Organization and article 20 of the Standing Orders of the Conference, the necessary quorum to give a vote validity is provisionally 296.<sup>2</sup>

## Observers

17. At present, the Holy See and the Maldives have accredited an observer's delegation to the Conference.

## Liberation movement and organizations invited

18. The Conference is also 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;
- representatives of the United Nations and some of its bodies, 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; and
- 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.

Geneva, 27 May 2008.

(Signed) Mr Dayan Jayatilleka  
Chairperson of the Governing Body

<sup>2</sup> That is, half the number of accredited delegates (647) after subtraction of the number not entitled to vote on account of arrears (52) and the three delegates from incomplete delegations of Employers and Workers.

- 1) Government delegates  
2) Government advisers  
3) Employers' delegates

- 4) Employers' Advisers  
5) Workers' delegates  
6) Workers' Advisers

## List of accredited delegates and advisers

	1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)		1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)		1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)		1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)
Afghanistan.....	2	6	1	-	1	-	Dominican Republic.....	2	6	1	8	1	8	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.....	2	6	1	2	1	7	Seychelles.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albania.....	2	5	1	3	1	1	Ecuador.....	2	6	1	3	1	2	Lithuania.....	2	4	1	-	1	-	Sierra Leone.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Algeria.....	2	12	1	8	1	4	Egypt.....	2	8	1	3	1	8	Luxembourg.....	2	8	1	4	1	8	Singapore.....	2	12	1	2	1	8
Angola.....	2	4	1	1	1	2	El Salvador.....	2	2	1	-	1	-	Madagascar.....	2	5	1	-	1	-	Slovakia.....	2	5	1	4	1	4
Antigua and Barbuda.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	Equatorial Guinea.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	Malawi.....	2	3	1	-	1	-	Samoa.....	1	-	1	-	1	-
Argentina.....	2	7	1	8	1	8	Eritrea.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	Malaysia.....	2	14	1	1	1	3	Slovenia.....	2	12	1	1	1	1
Armenia.....	2	3	1	-	1	-	Estonia.....	2	2	1	-	1	-	Mali.....	2	10	1	1	1	2	Solomon Islands.....	2	1	1	-	1	-
Australia.....	2	1	1	2	1	2	Ethiopia.....	2	2	1	1	1	3	Malta.....	2	3	1	5	1	4	Somalia.....	2	4	-	-	-	-
Austria.....	2	6	1	1	1	4	Fiji.....	2	-	1	-	1	-	Marshall Islands.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	South Africa.....	2	3	1	6	1	6
Azerbaijan.....	2	3	1	8	1	2	Finland.....	2	7	1	4	1	3	Mauritania.....	2	11	1	2	1	8	Spain.....	2	5	1	8	1	8
Bahamas.....	2	2	1	-	1	1	France.....	2	14	1	5	1	8	Mauritius.....	2	4	1	1	1	-	Sri Lanka.....	2	8	1	-	1	8
Bahrain.....	2	7	1	4	1	2	Gabon.....	2	6	1	2	1	2	Mexico.....	2	11	1	8	1	8	Sudan.....	2	3	1	2	1	7
Bangladesh.....	2	4	1	1	1	-	Gambia.....	2	-	-	-	1	-	Republic of Moldova.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	Suriname.....	2	-	1	-	1	-
Barbados.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	Georgia.....	2	-	1	8	1	4	Mongolia.....	2	3	1	1	1	1	Swaziland.....	2	7	1	2	1	1
Belarus.....	2	4	1	3	1	7	Germany.....	2	9	1	5	1	8	Morocco.....	2	9	1	4	1	8	Sweden.....	2	4	1	3	1	4
Belgium.....	2	13	1	5	1	8	Ghana.....	2	10	1	8	1	8	Mozambique.....	2	4	1	-	1	-	Switzerland.....	2	9	1	3	1	6
Belize.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	Greece.....	2	16	1	8	1	8	Myanmar.....	2	6	1	-	-	-	Syrian Arab Republic.....	2	2	1	3	1	3
Benin.....	2	6	1	1	1	8	Grenada.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	Namibia.....	2	7	1	1	1	1	Tajikistan.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	Guatemala.....	2	6	1	2	1	5	Nepal.....	2	3	1	-	1	6	United Republic of Tanzania.....	2	14	1	8	1	8
Bosnia and Herzegovina.....	2	4	1	-	1	1	Guinea.....	2	14	1	8	1	8	Netherlands.....	2	9	1	3	1	4	Thailand.....	2	16	1	8	1	7
Botswana.....	2	5	1	1	1	-	Guinea-Bissau.....	2	3	1	-	1	2	New Zealand.....	2	5	1	2	1	2	The FYR Macedonia.....	2	3	1	-	1	1
Brazil.....	2	9	1	8	1	8	Guyana.....	2	-	1	-	1	-	Nicaragua.....	2	1	1	-	1	1	Democratic Rep. of Timor-Leste.....	2	2	-	-	-	-
Brunei Darussalam.....	2	6	1	-	1	1	Haiti.....	2	2	1	-	-	-	Niger.....	2	6	1	3	1	6	Togo.....	2	2	1	5	1	8
Bulgaria.....	2	9	1	6	1	1	Honduras.....	2	2	1	2	1	-	Nigeria.....	2	16	1	8	1	8	Trinidad and Tobago.....	2	4	1	3	1	1
Burkina Faso.....	2	13	1	1	1	5	Hungary.....	2	7	1	6	1	8	Norway.....	2	6	1	5	1	8	Tunisia.....	2	3	1	8	1	5
Burundi.....	2	2	1	-	1	2	Iceland.....	2	4	1	1	1	-	Oman.....	2	13	1	8	1	7	Turkey.....	2	12	1	8	1	8
Cambodia.....	2	3	1	-	1	2	India.....	2	8	1	8	1	7	Pakistan.....	2	3	1	-	1	-	Turkmenistan.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cameroon.....	2	7	1	1	1	1	Indonesia.....	2	14	1	8	1	8	Panama.....	2	4	1	3	1	2	Uganda.....	2	3	1	4	1	4
Canada.....	2	10	1	4	1	6	Islamic Republic of Iran.....	2	13	1	3	1	3	Papua New Guinea.....	2	2	1	-	1	-	Ukraine.....	2	5	1	8	1	8
Cape Verde.....	2	2	1	1	1	-	Iraq.....	2	8	1	2	1	-	Paraguay.....	2	4	1	1	1	5	United Arab Emirates.....	2	10	1	2	1	1
Central African Republic.....	2	3	1	1	1	2	Ireland.....	2	7	1	-	1	1	Peru.....	2	5	1	-	1	-	United Kingdom.....	2	9	1	3	1	7
Chad.....	2	6	1	1	1	1	Israel.....	2	5	1	3	1	6	Philippines.....	2	14	1	8	1	7	United States.....	2	15	1	5	1	8
Chile.....	2	3	1	6	1	6	Italy.....	2	6	1	2	1	3	Poland.....	2	7	1	5	1	6	Uruguay.....	2	4	1	3	1	2
China.....	2	15	1	7	1	8	Jamaica.....	2	10	1	1	1	1	Portugal.....	2	8	1	8	1	5	Uzbekistan.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colombia.....	2	13	1	8	1	5	Japan.....	2	16	1	5	1	8	Qatar.....	2	16	1	3	1	-	Vanuatu.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Comoros.....	2	1	1	4	1	5	Jordan.....	2	5	1	4	1	3	Romania.....	2	5	1	8	1	8	Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep).....	2	10	1	8	1	8
Congo.....	2	12	1	3	1	8	Kazakhstan.....	2	3	1	2	1	1	Russian Federation.....	2	12	1	2	1	7	Viet Nam.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costa Rica.....	2	1	1	-	1	-	Kenya.....	2	7	1	6	1	8	Rwanda.....	2	2	1	-	1	-	Yemen.....	2	3	1	1	1	3
Côte d'Ivoire.....	2	12	1	7	1	8	Kiribati.....	2	-	1	-	1	-	Saint Kitts and Nevis.....	2	1	1	-	1	-	Zambia.....	2	15	1	7	1	4
Croatia.....	2	3	1	2	1	4	Republic of Korea.....	2	14	1	6	1	8	Saint Lucia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	Zimbabwe.....	2	11	1	1	1	1
Cuba.....	2	3	1	1	1	5	Kuwait.....	2	12	1	3	1	4	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines..	1	-	1	-	1	-							
Cyprus.....	2	5	1	5	1	7	Kyrgyzstan.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	San Marino.....	2	3	1	6	1	6							
Czech Republic.....	2	9	1	4	1	3	Lao People's Dem. Republic.....	2	-	1	1	1	1	Sao Tome and Principe.....	2	1	1	-	1	-							
Democratic Republic of the Congo.....	2	16	1	8	1	8	Latvia.....	2	-	1	-	1	2	Saudi Arabia.....	2	5	1	3	1	3							
Denmark.....	2	8	1	3	1	4	Lebanon.....	2	4	1	6	1	8	Senegal.....	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Djibouti.....	2	2	1	-	1	1	Lesotho.....	2	7	1	-	1	-	Serbia.....	2	9	1	-	1	6							
Dominica.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	Liberia.....	2	7	1	2	1	8	Montenegro.....	2	4	1	3	1	1							

	1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)
<b>Tota</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>607</b>

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