



Governing Body

309th Session, Geneva, November 2010

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FOR DECISION

EIGHTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General

Third Supplementary Report: Promotion of the ratification of the 1986 Instrument of Amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization

Overview

Issues covered

This document contains up-to-date information on the follow-up by the Office to the request made by the Governing Body in March 2010 to relaunch the campaign to promote the ratification of the 1986 Instrument of Amendment.

Policy implications

None.

Financial implications

None.

Decision required

Paragraph 7.

References to other Governing Body documents and ILO instruments

GB.307/16/6(Rev.), GB.307/PV.

1. At its 307th Session (March 2010), the Governing Body noted the efforts made by the Office to promote the ratification of the 1986 Instrument of Amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization.¹ These efforts were in response to a request made by the Africa group, following the adoption by the Seventh Session of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission of the African Union (Addis Ababa, 28 September–2 October 2009) of a resolution on the ratification of the Instrument of Amendment.
2. The Governing Body also asked the Office to relaunch the campaign by increasing its efforts to promote the ratification of the 1986 Instrument of Amendment.² In response to this request, on 28 September 2010 the Office sent a *note verbale* to the permanent missions of Members that had not ratified the 1986 Instrument of Amendment, inviting them to bring any information concerning it to the attention of the competent national authorities, and requesting them to communicate any relevant information to the Office to enable it to prepare a report of the situation for the Governing Body.
3. As at 22 October 2010, the Office had not yet received any new information on the subject.
4. In order to come into force the Instrument of Amendment must be ratified or accepted by two-thirds of the Organization's Members (currently 122), including five out of the ten Members of chief industrial importance.
5. Since 8 March 2010, when the Office received notice of ratification by Qatar, the number of Members that have ratified the 1986 Instrument of Amendment has remained unchanged at 94, including two Members of chief industrial importance.
6. The text of the amendment is available in three languages on the website of the Office of the Legal Adviser,³ with the updated list of ratifications and acceptances relating to it.
7. ***The Governing Body may wish to take note of the information presented and to request the Office to inform it during future sessions of any new developments in respect of the ratification of the 1986 Instrument of Amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization.***

Geneva, 22 October 2010

Point for decision: Paragraph 7

¹ GB.307/16/6(Rev.).

² GB.307/PV, para. 329.

³ <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/leg/amend/index.htm>.