



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 101st Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 29 May 2012)

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 Organisation.
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 to 26 quater 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 shall be drawn up by the Chairperson 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.”
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, 29 May 2012, at 3 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. One hundred and twenty-six countries (four more than last year) deposited their credentials on or before 15 May 2012, thus meeting the 15-day deadline before the

date fixed for the opening of the Conference, in compliance with paragraph 1 of article 26 of the Standing Orders of the Conference. The *Provisional List of Delegations*, which appears on the opening day of the Conference, contains the names of the accredited participants received as of Tuesday, 29 May 2012.

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, three member States (Kyrgyzstan, Syrian Arab Republic and Turkmenistan) have accredited a delegation exclusively composed of Government delegates. In addition, two member States (Bosnia and Herzegovina and Uzbekistan) have appointed a Workers' delegate but no Employers' delegate.
9. Thirty-five governments (one more 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 online credentials¹ application made available by the Office.
10. Finally, I urge all delegates and advisers to register in person at the Registration Desk that is located at the Pavillon, 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

11. At present 324 Government delegates, 159 Employers' delegates and 161 Workers' delegates – a total of 644 delegates – are accredited to the Conference.
12. There are, in addition, 1,115 Government advisers, 481 Employers' advisers and 663 Workers' advisers – a total of 2,259 advisers.
13. A total of 2,903 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.
14. Twelve member States accredited to the Conference are in arrears in their financial contributions to the Organization under the terms of article 13, paragraph 4, of the Constitution and therefore may not, at present, participate in the voting in the Conference or its committees. These are: Burundi, Central African Republic, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Kyrgyzstan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Therefore, 41 delegates are not taken into account in calculating the quorum, nor is one delegate who, in accordance with article 4, paragraph 2, of the Constitution, cannot vote owing to the incomplete nature of the delegation (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

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

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15. 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 301.²

Observers

16. At present, two observers' delegations have been accredited to the Conference (Bhutan and the Holy See).

Liberation movement and organizations invited

17. 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 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.

18. A list of these representatives is appended to the list of delegations published as a supplement to the *Provisional Record* of the Conference.

Geneva, 29 May 2012

(signed) Mr Greg Vines
Chairperson of the Governing Body

² That is, half of the total number of accredited delegates (644) after subtraction of the number not entitled to vote on account of arrears (41) or incomplete delegation (1).

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