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ELECTION OF GOVERNMENT MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE

GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL COLLEGE

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Note for the information of members of the Government Electoral College

Background

In conformity with article 7 of the Constitution, the International Labour Conference (ILC) elects the members of the Governing Body for a three-year term. Elections are carried out by a secret ballot separately by three electoral colleges in accordance with Section G of the Standing Orders of the ILC: the Government electoral college, and the two non-governmental colleges (composed respectively of all the Employers' and Workers' delegates to the Conference except those whose country has lost the right to vote, each college electing 14 regular members and 19 deputy members).

The **Government Electoral College** consists of two Government delegates from each member State, except those which have lost the right to vote, and the 10 member States of chief industrial importance who hold non-elective titular seats (**Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Russian Federation, United Kingdom and USA**).

Article 49 of the Standing Orders of the ILC stipulates that the Government Electoral College elect 18 regular members and 28 deputy members. In accordance with a Conference decision in 1995 (when the number of deputy seats was increased from 18 to 28), the ballot papers for the Government electoral college are drawn up and dealt with in such a manner as to guarantee an overall distribution of regular and deputy seats among the regions, corresponding to that envisaged in the 1986 constitutional amendment.

The following table gives a break-down of the number of seats available by region for the period 2011-2014:

Regions	Regular seats		Deputy seats	Total elective seats	Total
	Non-elective	elective			
Africa*	0	6	7	13	13
Americas*	2	5	6	11	13
Asia and the Pacific	3	4	8	12	15
Europe	5	3	7	10	15
Total	10	18	28	46	56

* Africa and the Americas share a “floating” deputy seat attributed in turn for each Governing Body term of office. Since that seat was attributed to the Africa group for the 2008-2011 period of office, it will revert to the Americas group for the 2011-2014 period of office.

Procedure

The regions have carried out consultations on the basis of the regional distribution of seats. For each of the regular and deputy seats available to each region, the names of the candidates appear at the top of each ballot. The names of the other members of the region appear on the bottom section of the ballot.

The Government electoral college as a whole will take 2 votes: one for the regular members and one for the deputy members for each region. Within each vote, there will be 4 ballots for each region; in the following order: Africa, Americas, Asia and the Pacific, and Europe.

In accordance with Article 52 of the Standing Orders of the Conference, electoral colleges vote by secret ballot. Each member of the electoral college is entitled to cast one vote. The vote will take place by means of the electronic voting system.

No Government is considered to be elected unless it has obtained more than half of the votes cast by the members of the Electoral College present at the meeting.