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Instrument of Amendment
Adopted by the International Labour Conference
at its 36th Session
(Geneva, 1953)

**Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the International
Labour Organisation ¹**

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Having been convened at Geneva by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, and having met in its Thirty-sixth Session on 4 June 1953 ; and

Having decided to substitute, in the provisions of the Constitution of the Organisation relating to membership of the Governing Body, the numbers " forty ", " twenty ", " sixteen " and " ten " for the numbers " thirty-two ", " sixteen ", " twelve " and " eight ", a question which is the eighth item on the agenda of the session,

adopts this twenty-fifth day of June of the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three the following Instrument for the amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, which may be cited as the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation Instrument of Amendment, 1953.

Article 1

In the text of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation as at present in force the numbers " forty ", " twenty ", " sixteen " and " ten " respectively shall be substituted for the numbers " thirty-two ", " sixteen ", " twelve " and " eight " contained in paragraphs 1, 2 and 8 of Article 7 and in Article 36.

¹ Adopted by 189 votes to nil, with 2 abstentions, on 25 June 1953.

Article 2

In the text of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation as at present in force the last sentence of paragraph 2 of Article 7 shall be deleted.

Article 3

As from the date of the coming into force of this Instrument of Amendment, the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation shall have effect as amended in accordance with the preceding articles.

Article 4

On the coming into force of this Instrument of Amendment the Director-General of the International Labour Office shall cause an official text of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation as modified by the provisions of this Instrument of Amendment to be prepared in two original copies, duly authenticated by his signature. One of these copies shall be deposited in the archives of the International Labour Office and the other shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for registration in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. The Director-General shall communicate a certified copy of the text to each of the Members of the International Labour Organisation.

Article 5

Two copies of this Instrument of Amendment shall be authenticated by the signatures of the President of the Conference and of the Director-General of the International Labour Office. One of these copies shall be deposited in the archives of the International Labour Office and the other shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for registration in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. The Director-General shall communicate a certified copy of the Instrument to each of the Members of the International Labour Organisation.

Article 6

1. The formal ratifications or acceptances of this Instrument of Amendment shall be communicated to the Director-General of the International Labour Office, who shall notify the Members of the Organisation of the receipt thereof.

2. This Instrument of Amendment will come into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 36 of the Constitution of the Organisation.

3. On the coming into force of this Instrument, the Director-General of the International Labour Office shall so notify all the Members of the International Labour Organisation and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The foregoing is the authentic text of the Instrument for the amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation duly adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organisa-

tion during its Thirty-sixth Session which was held at Geneva and declared closed the twenty-fifth day of June 1953.

The English and French versions of the text of this Instrument of Amendment are equally authoritative.

IN FAITH WHEREOF we have appended our signatures this twenty-sixth day of June 1953.

The President of the Conference,

IRVING M. IVES.

The Director-General of the International Labour Office,

DAVID A. MORSE.

Explanatory Note

The present text of paragraphs 1, 2 and 8 of Article 7 and of Article 36 of the Constitution and the text as proposed to be amended by the above Instrument are set forth in parallel columns in the attached note for purposes of information.

PRESENT TEXT

Article 7

1. The Governing Body shall consist of thirty-two persons :

Sixteen representing Governments,

Eight representing the Employers, and

Eight representing the Workers.

2. Of the sixteen persons representing Governments, eight shall be appointed by the Members of chief industrial importance, and eight shall be appointed by the Members selected for that purpose by the Government delegates to the Conference, excluding the delegates of the eight Members mentioned above. Of the sixteen Members represented, six shall be non-European States.

PROPOSED AMENDED TEXT

Article 7

1. The Governing Body shall consist of *forty* persons :

Twenty representing Governments,

Ten representing the Employers, and

Ten representing the Workers.

2. Of the *twenty* persons representing Governments, *ten* shall be appointed by the Members of chief industrial importance, and *ten* shall be appointed by the Members selected for that purpose by the Government delegates to the Conference, excluding the delegates of the *ten* Members mentioned above.

8. The Governing Body shall regulate its own procedure and shall fix its own times of meeting. A special meeting shall be held if a written request to that effect is made by at least twelve of the representatives on the Governing Body.

Article 36

Amendments to this Constitution which are adopted by the Conference by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast by the delegates present shall take effect when ratified or accepted by two-thirds of the Members of the Organisation including five of the eight Members which are represented on the Governing Body as Members of chief industrial importance in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 7 of this Constitution.

8. The Governing Body shall regulate its own procedure and shall fix its own times of meeting. A special meeting shall be held if a written request to that effect is made by at least *sixteen* of the representatives on the Governing Body.

Article 36

Amendments to this Constitution which are adopted by the Conference by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast by the delegates present shall take effect when ratified or accepted by two-thirds of the Members of the Organisation including five of the *ten* Members which are represented on the Governing Body as Members of chief industrial importance in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 7 of this Constitution.