Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, Adopted by the International Labour Conference at Its 46th Session

(Geneva, 1962)

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 Forty-sixth Session on 6 June 1962; and

Having decided upon the adoption of proposals for the substitution, in the provisions of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation relating to membership of the Governing Body, of the figures "forty-eight" and "twenty-four" for the figures "forty" and "twenty", and of the figure "twelve" for the figure "ten" except in paragraph 2 of article 7 which shall provide for ten Members of chief industrial importance and fourteen elected members, a question which is the eight item on the agenda of the session,

adopts this twenty-second day of June of the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-two 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, 1962:

Article 1

In the text of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation as at present in force—

(a) the figures "forty-eight" and "twenty-four" shall be substituted for the figures "forty" and "twenty" in paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 7;

(b) the figure "twelve" shall be substituted for the figure "ten" in paragraph 1 of article 7;

1 Adopted on 22 June 1962 by 309 votes to 0, with 1 abstention.
(c) the figure “fourteen” shall be substituted for the figure “ten” in the reference contained in paragraph 2 of article 7 to the persons to be appointed by Members selected for that purpose by Government delegates to the Conference;

(d) the sentence “Two Employers’ representatives and two Workers’ representatives shall belong to non-European States” shall be deleted from paragraph 4 of article 7.

Article 2

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 Article.

Article 3

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 4

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 5

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 Organisation during its Forty-sixth Session which was held at Geneva and declared closed the twenty-eighth day of June 1962.

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 thirtieth day of June 1962.

The President of the Conference,
JOHN LYNCH.

The Director-General of the International Labour Office,
DAVID A. MORSE.