

Tripartite working group on full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance

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At the first meeting of the Tripartite working group on full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance (TWGD), which was held on 11 December 2020, it was agreed that the members of the working group would be invited to express their views on the understanding and scope of the notion of democratization of the ILO's governance for the purpose of informing the discussions of the second meeting of the working group to be held in January 2021 and developing a possible programme of future work.

Accordingly, the Office has prepared the following questionnaire, bearing in mind that the Centenary Declaration and its accompanying Resolution are the framework within which the TWGD should carry out its work. The Office would be grateful if the replies could be sent by Wednesday 6 January 2021 to JUR@ilo.org.

1. Do you consider that the notion of democratization refers to aspirations of Member States regarding specific aspects of the functioning of governance organs, such as composition, decision-making, voting power, organization and access to meetings? Please elaborate and provide concrete examples.

The notion of democratization will contribute to achieve the aspirations of Member States through extended discussions between all regions to develop and present proposals to the Governing Body regarding aspects of the functioning of governance organs.

2. Do you consider that 'democratization of tripartite governance' concerns the ILO Governing Body only or should also cover the International Labour Conference and other aspects of ILO governance?

We believe that the democratization of tripartite governance should mainly focus on ILO Governing Body at this stage.

3. Based on the above, which aspects of democratization – in addition to those addressed in the 1986 constitutional amendment – would you consider the TWGD should examine in priority? Please specify.

As alternatives to the 1986 amendment, the TWGD should consider areas such as:

- Extra seats for regions that are less represented (Africa and ASPAG). We need to look at the ratio of seats over the number of countries in the region or the ratio of the regional seats over the average labor forces size of countries in the same region.
- Adjusting the governance of the electoral system for GB seats. We should look at who should vote for GB floating seats. Maybe it should be limited to the sub region and who they believe is more qualified to represent their sub region.
- Another alternative would be expanding the large industrial 10 seats block to cover the largest 20-25 countries by population and economy (perhaps G20 countries). Then put in place

a rotation mechanism for 40-50 countries per cycle in a way that every country is guaranteed a seat at least every third cycle.

4. In your view, which are the core principles that should be guiding ILO's action towards democratization of its governance? Please specify.

Fair representation between regions and sectors by labour forces size .

5. Do you have any concrete proposals for the second meeting of the TWGD and/or its future programme of work?

There is no proposals,however we suggest to avoid Friday days as off in numbers of countries.