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Update on the status of ratification of the 1986 Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the ILO

1. At its 341st Session (March 2021), the Governing Body continued to be informed of the status of ratification of the 1986 Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the ILO (the 1986 Amendment).¹
2. As at 17 September 2021, 117 ratifications of the 1986 Amendment had been registered, including two from Members of chief industrial importance (India and Italy). Since information was last provided at the March 2021 session of the Governing Body, two more Members have despoited their instruments of ratification (Somalia and Ireland). A further eight ratifications, including at least three from Members of chief industrial importance (from among Brazil, China, France, Germany, Japan, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America), are required for the 1986 Amendment to enter into force. At present, 4 Member States from the African region, 21 from the Americas, 20 from the European region and 25 from Asia and the Pacific have not yet ratified the 1986 Amendment.
3. At the third meeting of the tripartite working group on the full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance (TWGD) on 28 June 2021, the Government of Lithuania informed that discussions concerning ratification of the 1986 Amendment would be renewed in the Government and the Lithuanian Parliament in the autumn.²

¹ GB.341/INS/INF/6(Rev.1).

² Third meeting of the tripartite working group on the full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance, [Summary record of proceedings](#), para. 20.

Previously, the Government of Brazil had announced that consultations with a view to ratification had been resumed while the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran had informed that the Iranian Cabinet had approved the ratification which should then be considered by the Parliament. At the fourth meeting of the TWGD on 8 September 2021, the Government of the Philippines announced that it was close to bringing the question of ratification to the Senate for its approval.

4. Since the March 2021 session of the Governing Body, the Office has continued its promotional activities for the ratification of the 1986 Amendment. Following the adoption on 18 June 2021 of the Conference resolution on the principle of equality among ILO Member States and fair representation of all regions in the ILO's tripartite governance,³ the Director-General wrote, on the one hand, to the 15 Member States of the Eastern European group that had not yet ratified the 1986 Amendment since the resolution declared that the reference to the "socialist" States of Eastern Europe was obsolete and, on the other hand, to the eight Members of chief industrial importance having not yet ratified the 1986 Amendment since the resolution called specifically upon them to examine ratification as a matter of priority.
5. The Office has received no further replies to the Director-General's letter of 14 January 2020 to the Member States that have not yet ratified the 1986 Amendment inviting them to consider the call of the Centenary Conference for the ratification of the 1986 Amendment, and, unless they had already done so, to provide comments and explanations on the reasons which have thus far prevented or delayed ratification.
6. The Office has undertaken to update the [dedicated page on the ILO website](#), responded to queries and provided information to interested governments. In addition, the Director-General, Deputy Directors-General and other senior officials continued to raise this matter during their meetings with constituents, when appropriate.

³ ILO, [Resolution IV](#), International Labour Conference, 109th Session, 2021.