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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 343rd Session (November 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 11 February 2022, 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 November 2021 session of the Governing Body, no new ratifications have been registered. 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, four 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. As reported at the fifth meeting of the tripartite working group on the full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance (held on 3 and 14 February 2022), Liberia has informed that the ratification of the 1986 Amendment had been approved by the Parliament and that the President's Office was finalizing the instrument of ratification which should be deposited shortly. In Cabo Verde, the ratification of the 1986 Amendment had been adopted by the National Assembly on 27 January 2022, and should be promulgated by the President very soon. The Gambia has reported that the ratification of the 1986 Amendment had been approved by the Cabinet and will be

¹ GB.343/INS/INF/4.

submitted to the National Assembly. Lastly, Sao Tome and Principe had communicated that following its approval by the Parliament, the ratification of the 1986 Amendment was in its final steps.

4. In addition the Islamic Republic of Iran has indicated that efforts were being made to complete the ratification process by June 2022, with the aim of announcing the ratification at the 110th Session (2022) of the International Labour Conference. The Philippines has informed that ratification documents were being prepared by the Department of Foreign Affairs. The Government of Turkmenistan has indicated that it was considering ratification and taking steps towards obtaining parliamentary approval.
5. Since the 343rd Session (November 2021) of the Governing Body, the Office has continued its promotional activities for the ratification of the 1986 Amendment. 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.