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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 344th Session (March 2022), 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 26 September 2022, 122 ratifications of the 1986 Amendment had been registered, including two from Members of chief industrial importance (India and Italy).² Since information was last provided at the March 2022 session of the Governing Body, five new ratifications (by Cabo Verde, Liberia, Peru, the Philippines and Turkmenistan) have been registered. A further three ratifications 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, 2 Member States from the Africa region, 20 from the Americas, 19 from the European region and 24 from Asia and the Pacific have not yet ratified the 1986 Amendment.
3. As reported at the sixth meeting of the tripartite working group on the full, equal, and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance (held on 19 July 2022)³, the only two countries in the Africa region that have yet to ratify the 1986 Amendment, the Gambia and Sao Tome and Principe, were respectively advancing in the process of ratification. The National

¹ GB.344/INS/INF/3.

² Up-to-date information is available on the [dedicated webpage](#).

³ Sixth meeting of the tripartite working group on the full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance (TWGD), [Summary record of proceedings](#).

Assembly of the Gambia has now approved the ratification of the 1986 Amendment and the President of Sao Tome and Principe has signed the instrument of ratification.

4. Since the March 2022 session of the Governing Body, the Office has continued its promotional activities for the ratification of the 1986 Amendment. It has undertaken to update the dedicated page on the ILO website, responded to queries and provided information to interested governments. In addition, ahead of the 17th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting in December 2022, the Legal Adviser sent a circular letter to the Member States in that region that have not yet ratified 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.