



Reports of the Credentials Committee

Brief report presented on behalf of the Chairperson of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office on the credentials of the delegates and advisers to the 93rd Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 30 May 2005)

1. The composition of each delegation and the procedure for appointing delegates and advisers to sessions of the International Labour Conference are governed by article 3 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization.
2. In accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of article 3 of the Constitution, it is for the governments to communicate the nominations to the International Labour Office. The Conference examines these nominations and decides, in the case of dispute, whether delegates and advisers have been nominated in accordance with this article.
3. The Conference exercises this power through the Credentials Committee in accordance with the procedure laid down in articles 5 and 26 of its Standing Orders.
4. In particular, paragraph 2 of article 26 of the Standing Orders of the Conference provides that: "A brief report upon these credentials, drawn up by the Chairman of the Governing Body, shall, with the credentials, be open to inspection by the delegates on the day before the opening of the session of the Conference and shall be published as an appendix to the record of the first sitting."
5. The present report serves to provisionally fix the quorum necessary to give validity to the votes taken, in accordance with paragraph 1(2) of article 20 of the Standing Orders of the Conference.
6. The table below, which was established on Monday, 30 May 2005, at 2:00 p.m., shows the numerical composition of the delegations to the Conference based on the credentials provided. In this regard, it should be noted that the persons who have been nominated both as substitute delegates and as advisers have been included in the table amongst the advisers.
7. To date, 162 member States have communicated the names of the members of their delegations. Eighty-seven countries (two more than last year) deposited their credentials on or before 16 May 2005, thus meeting the 15-day deadline before the date fixed for the opening of the Conference, in compliance with paragraph 1 of article 26 of the Standing Orders of the Conference. The *First Provisional List of Delegations*, which appears on the opening day of the Conference, contains the names of the accredited participants received as of Saturday, 28 May 2005, and therefore does not include nine member States (Argentina, Bahamas, Botswana, Cape Verde, France, Guinea, Kazakhstan, Lesotho and

Paraguay) whose credentials were received subsequent to this date until the completion of this report are not included in this Provisional List.

8. Furthermore, while the Conference and the Credentials Committee have previously insisted on the obligation which article 3 of the Constitution imposes on governments requiring them to send complete delegations to the Conference, seven States (Belize, Gambia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Paraguay, Somalia and Vanuatu) have accredited delegations exclusively composed of Government delegates and one member State (Myanmar) has appointed an Employers' delegate but no Workers' delegate.
9. In addition, five member States (Jordan, Lesotho, Mauritius, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and Togo) have not always mentioned in their communications the organizations to which their Employers' and Workers' delegates and advisers belong or their respective functions. These governments are urged to complete this information as soon as possible.
10. Fifty-two governments (nine less than last year) have not confirmed that they would cover their delegates' and advisers' travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with paragraph 2(a) of article 13 of the Constitution. In this regard, in order to ensure greater clarity in establishing the credentials, it is advisable that governments use the form enclosed with the letter of convocation to the Conference which the Office addresses every year to member States or the electronic version made available by the Office.
11. Finally, we urge all delegates and advisers to register in person at the Registration Desk that is located at the Pavilion, which is near the ILO building, since the daily quorum is calculated on the basis of the number of delegates actually registered.

Composition of the Conference and quorum

12. At present 321 Government delegates, 155 Employers' delegates and 154 Workers' delegates – a total of 630 delegates – are accredited to the Conference.
13. There are, in addition, 1,001 Government advisers, 444 Employers' advisers and 545 Workers' advisers – a total of 1,990 advisers.
14. A total of 2,620 delegates and advisers have been nominated to take part in the work of the Conference in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Organization.
15. Amongst those member States currently accredited, 18 are in arrears in the payment of their contributions to the Organization. Those Members, under the terms of paragraph 4 of article 13 of the Constitution, may not at present participate in the voting of the Conference or any of its committees (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Gambia, Georgia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Togo). Therefore, 66 delegates are not taken into account in calculating the quorum, nor is one delegate who, in accordance with article 4, paragraph 2, of the Constitution, cannot vote owing to the incomplete nature of his respective delegation (see paragraph 8 above).

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16. In conformity with article 17 of the Constitution of the Organization and article 20 of the Standing Orders of the Conference, the necessary quorum to give a vote validity is provisionally 282.¹

Observers

17. At present the Holy See has accredited an observers' delegation to the Conference.

Liberation movement and organizations invited

18. The Conference is also attended by:

- a tripartite delegation from Palestine, as a liberation movement invited in conformity with article 2, paragraph 3(k), of the Standing Orders of the Conference;
- representatives of the United Nations and some of its bodies, invited by virtue of Article II, paragraph 1 – relating to reciprocal representation – of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Labour Organization, which came into effect on 14 December 1946;
- representatives of specialized agencies and other official international organizations, invited in conformity with article 2, paragraph 3(b), of the Standing Orders of the Conference;
- representatives of non-governmental international organizations with which consultative relations have been established, invited in conformity with article 2, paragraph 3(j), of the Standing Orders of the Conference; and
- representatives of other non-governmental international organizations also invited in conformity with article 2, paragraph 3(j), of the Standing Orders of the Conference.

19. A list of these representatives is appended to the list of delegations published as a supplement to the *Provisional Record* of the Conference.

Geneva, 30 May 2005.

(Signed) Mr. Daniel Funes de Rioja,
Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Body.

(Signed) Mr. Roy Trotman,
Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Body.

¹ That is, half the number of accredited delegates (630) after subtraction of the number not entitled to vote on the account of arrears (66) and of the incomplete delegation of Employers and Workers.

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