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- **TRIPARTISM: AN INCLUSIVE YET SELECTIVE STRUCTURE**
 - COOPERATIVES HAVE BEEN « OMITTED » FROM THE ILO CONSTITUTION
 - HENRY MAY TO ALBERT THOMAS IN 1920)
 - REPETED REQUESTS FOR A FAIR REPRESENTATION OF COOPERATIVES WITHIN THE ILO
- **ALLIES AND ADVERSARIES**
 - HOSTILITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY
 - « *lack of enthusiasm* » « *hostility* » « *ignorance* »
 - COMPROMISE: COOPERATORS AS TECHNICAL ADVISORS
- **CIRCUMVENTING THE TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE**
 - COOP SECTION AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
 - OBSERVER STATUS: THE UN LEVERAGE



MINIMAL USE OF THE ILO GENERAL OBSERVER STATUS

