



► Final record vote on amendments to the Code of the MLC, 2006

Amendments approved by the Special Tripartite Committee will be submitted to the Committee for a final record vote. This vote will be taken by electronic means, through an Internet-based platform which permits both the representatives who are attending the meeting in person as well as those who are attending it remotely to cast their vote under the same conditions.

Voting rights

Governments

Governments have the right to vote if:

- > they have ratified the MLC, 2006, and
- > they have not lost their right to vote due to arrears in the payment of their ILO membership contributions.

Governments have two votes each - one vote per registered (titular) representative. If they have accredited only one representative, they have only one vote.

The votes are normally cast by the representatives. In the absence of a representative, the vote may be cast by any adviser who has been accredited as a substitute.

As the vote is electronic, substitutes will not be called after the representatives, but will be able to vote at the same time as the representatives. As only the first two votes cast will be counted, it is essential that governments agree in advance who in their delegation will cast the votes.

Shipowners and Seafarers

Shipowners and Seafarers have as many votes as they have registered representatives.

The votes are normally cast by the representatives. In the absence of a representative, the vote may be cast by an adviser who has been accredited as substitute.

As the vote is electronic, substitutes will be able to vote at the same time as the representatives. As only the first votes cast will be counted, up to the number of authorized votes of the group, it is essential that the groups agree in advance who will cast the votes.

Weighting of votes

According to Article XIII(4) of the MLC, 2006, "the votes of each Shipowner and Seafarer representative in the Committee shall be weighted so as to ensure that the Shipowners' group and the Seafarers' group each have half the voting power of the total number of governments





which are represented at the meeting concerned and entitled to vote". This is achieved by multiplying each vote by a corresponding group-specific weighting coefficient, which leads to voting results expressed in high numbers.

The weighting of the votes is based on the number of representatives registered as participating – in person or remotely - and having the right to vote. If a representative is registered as present but does not participate in the vote, the group will lose that vote. Therefore, representatives who are unable to participate in the vote and are not replaced by a substitute of the same government or group, should notify their departure from the meeting to the Secretariat, so that they are no longer registered as participating.

If a government has accredited only one representative or one if its representatives has notified his or her departure, this government will be able to cast only one vote instead of two, but the Government group will lose none of its voting power. Similarly, if a government has lost its right to vote due to arrears, that government will not participate in the vote, but the Government group will nonetheless have its full voting power.

Voting procedure

The vote is a record vote taken by electronic means. It is a record vote in that the individual votes of all representatives or their substitutes will be recorded by name and published as part of the records of this meeting.

However, there will be no roll call. An electronic voting system has been recently developed for the Committee. Once the Chairperson opens the vote, representatives will be able to connect to the electronic voting platform from any device with access to the Internet, in particular computers, tablets and smartphones.

Voters will connect only once to the voting platform and will be able to cast a vote on each of the proposed amendments submitted to the vote.

The steps to be followed to cast a ballot are set out in the appendix.

Voting results

In accordance of Article XV(4) of the MLC, an amendment shall be considered adopted if:

- (a) at least half the governments of Members that have ratified this Convention are represented in the meeting at which the proposal is considered; and
- (b) a majority of at least two-thirds of the Committee members vote in favour of the amendment; and
- (c) this majority comprises the votes in favour of at least half the government voting power, half the Shipowner voting power and half the Seafarer voting power of the Committee members registered at the meeting when the proposal is put to the vote.





A government is considered to be "represented" within the meaning of subparagraph (a) if it has accredited and registered at least one representative to the meeting at the time of the vote.

The majority under subparagraph (b) requires that at least two-thirds of the votes cast (for and against the amendment), by the representatives attending the sitting and entitled to vote, are in favour of the amendment. The votes are weighted in accordance with Art. XIII(4) MLC, 2006 (see above "Weighting of votes").

"Voting power" within the meaning of subparagraph (c) refers to the total votes of registered representatives of the group concerned having the right to vote.





Appendix

1. Starting page before the vote commences.



Electronic Voting System

Pas de vote en cours dans votre zone de vote, adressez vous au support technique.

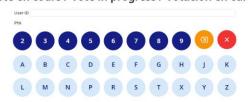
No vote has been started in your voting zone. Please contact technical support.

No se ha iniciado ninguna votación en su zona. Diríjase al servicio técnico.

2. Vote has started.



Vote en cours / Vote in progress / Votación en curso







3. Please enter your email as User ID and the PIN code received, and press "Confirm".



4. Please confirm that you are the person whose name is displayed by pressing "Confirm".

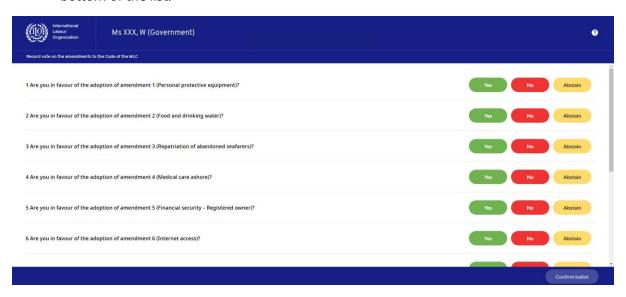


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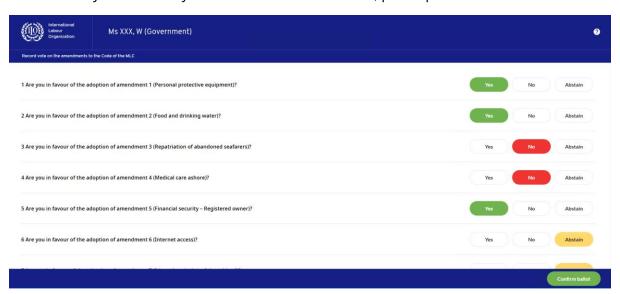




5. Please cast a vote on each amendment. You may need to scroll down to reach the bottom of the list.



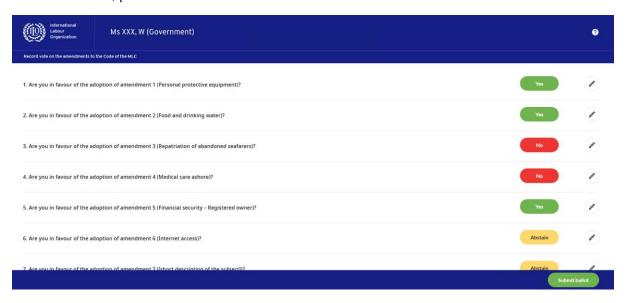
6. Once you have cast your vote on each amendment, please press "Confirm ballot".







7. Please review your ballot. You may change your vote by pressing the pencil symbol. If satisfied, press "Submit ballot".



8. Your ballot has been cast.



Thank you for your vote

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