



Reports on credentials

Brief report presented by the Chairperson of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office on the credentials of the delegates and advisers to the 106th Session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 4 June 2017)

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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 Organisation.¹
 2. In accordance with article 3(8) and (9) 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 of the Constitution.
 3. The Conference exercises this power through the Credentials Committee in accordance with the procedure laid down in articles 5 and 26 to 26quater of its Standing Orders.²
 4. By virtue of article 26(2) of the Standing Orders of the Conference: “A brief report upon these credentials shall be drawn up by the Chairperson of the Governing Body. It shall, with the credentials, be made available for inspection on the day before the opening of the session of the Conference and shall be published on the day of the opening of the session.”
 5. The present report serves to provisionally fix the quorum necessary to give validity to the votes taken, in accordance with article 20(1)(2) of the Standing Orders of the Conference.
 6. The attached table, which was established on Sunday, 4 June 2017, at 4:30 p.m., shows the numerical composition of the delegations to the Conference received up to that date and time. 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 among the advisers.
 7. To date, 168 member States have communicated the names of the members of their delegations. Of those, 112 (27 more than last year) deposited their credentials on or before 15 May 2017, thus meeting the deadline set at 21 days prior to the opening of this session of the Conference.³ This deadline takes account of the fact that this year’s session will again take place over two weeks with the same large number of participants whose credentials and visas need to be processed by the Office and the Swiss authorities, respectively. The *Provisional List of Delegations*, which appears on the opening day of the Conference, contains the names of the accredited participants received as of Sunday, 4 June 2017, at 4:30 p.m.
 8. Regarding incomplete delegations, 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, five member States (Armenia, Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Yemen) have accredited a delegation exclusively composed of Government delegates. In addition, one member State (Nicaragua) has appointed a Workers’ delegate but no Employers’ delegate.

¹ http://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=NORMLEXPUB:62:0::NO::P62_LIST_ENTRIE_ID:2453907

² http://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=1000:62:0::NO:62:P62_LIST_ENTRIE_ID:3088520:NO

³ See GB.329/INS/18; dec-GB.329/INS/18

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9. Forty-six governments (compared to 31 last year) have failed to confirm that they would cover their delegates' and advisers' travel and subsistence expenses, in accordance with article 13(2)(a) of the Constitution.
 10. In order to ensure greater clarity in establishing the credentials and to expedite their entry into the Conference management system, governments are urged to use the *Online accreditation system*⁴ made available by the Office for the nomination of delegations.
 11. Delegates and advisers are invited to register in person at the Registration Desk 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. For those wishing to check the status of their accreditation, a website providing real-time information has now been established.⁵

Composition of the Conference and quorum

12. At present, 335 Government delegates, 162 Employers' delegates and 163 Workers' delegates – a total of 660 delegates – are accredited to the Conference.
13. There are, in addition, 1141 Government advisers, 550 Employers' advisers and 781 Workers' advisers – a total of 2472 advisers.
14. A total of 3132 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 Organisation.
15. Thirteen member States accredited to the Conference are in arrears in their financial contributions to the Organization under the terms of article 13(4) of the Constitution and therefore may not, at present, participate in the voting of the Conference, including its committees. These are: Burundi, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, El Salvador, Gabon, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Therefore, 52 delegates are not taken into account in calculating the quorum, nor one delegate who, in accordance with article 4(2) of the Constitution, cannot vote owing to the incomplete nature of their delegation (Nicaragua, see paragraph 8, above).
16. In conformity with article 17(3) of the Constitution of the Organisation and article 20 of the Standing Orders of the Conference, the necessary quorum to give a vote validity is provisionally set at 304.⁶

Observers

17. Two observers' delegations have been accredited to the Conference (Bhutan and the Holy See).

⁴ <http://www.ilo.org/CredentialsILC/Login.aspx>

⁵ <http://www.ilo.org/Delegates/Credentialslive.aspx>

⁶ That is, half of the total number of accredited delegates (660) after subtraction of the number not entitled to vote on account of arrears (52) or incomplete delegation (1).

Liberation movement and organizations invited

18. The Conference is also attended by:

- a delegation from Palestine, as a liberation movement invited in conformity with article 2(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(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 other official international organizations, invited in conformity with article 2(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(3)(j) of the Standing Orders of the Conference; and
- representatives of other non-governmental international organizations also invited in conformity with article 2(3)(j) of the Standing Orders of the Conference.

19. The representatives indicated in the above paragraph are included in the *Provisional List of Delegations*, published as a supplement to the *Provisional Record* of the Conference.

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Chairperson of the Governing Body

