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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 346th Session (October–November 2022), the Office continued to provide updated information on the status of ratification of the 1986 Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the ILO (the 1986 Amendment).¹
2. As of 10 February 2023, 125 ratifications of the 1986 Amendment had been registered, that is, two thirds of ILO Member States, including two from Members of chief industrial importance (India and Italy).² Since information was last provided in October 2022, three more Member States have registered their ratification, namely Gambia, Samoa and Sao Tome and Principe. 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, 20 Member States from the Americas, 19 from the European region and 23 from Asia and the Pacific have not yet ratified the 1986 Amendment.
3. As reported at the seventh meeting of the tripartite working group on the full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance, which was held on 15 November 2022,³ the Africa region is the only region where all Member States have ratified the 1986 Amendment. A total of 16 ratifications have been registered since the adoption of the ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work in 2019 and its accompanying [resolution](#) calling

¹ [GB.346/INS/INF/4](#).

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

³ See the [Summary record of proceedings](#) of the seventh meeting of the tripartite working group on the full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance (TWGD). See also paras 14–15 of the final report of the Working Group ([GB.347/INS/6](#)).

for the completion at the earliest opportunity of the process of ratification of the 1986 Amendment.

4. The Office has continued its promotional activities for the ratification of the 1986 Amendment. In November 2022, the Director-General sent letters to the foreign ministers and labour ministers of the Members of chief industrial importance who have not yet ratified the 1986 Amendment. In addition, the Office has responded to queries, provided information to interested governments and continued updating the dedicated page on the ILO website. 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.