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**Instrument for the amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation. Adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organisation at its fifty-seventh session, Geneva, 22 June 1972**

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**Instrument pour l'amendement de la Constitution de l'Organisation internationale du Travail. Adopté par la Conférence générale de l'Organisation internationale du Travail à sa cinquante-septième session, Genève, le 22 juin 1972**

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## INSTRUMENT<sup>1</sup> FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION<sup>2</sup>

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Having been convened at Geneva by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, and having met in its Fifty-seventh session on 7 June 1972; and

Having decided upon the adoption of proposals for the substitution, in the provisions of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation relating to membership of the Governing Body, of the figures “fifty-six”, “twenty-eight”, “eighteen” and “fourteen”

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 November 1974, the date on which the conditions set forth in article 36 of the Constitution had been fulfilled, i.e., when two thirds of the members of the Organisation, including five of the ten members represented on the Governing Body as members of chief industrial importance under article 7(3) of the Constitution (denoted hereafter by \*), had notified the Director-General of the International Labour Office of their ratification or acceptance, in accordance with article 5(2):

<i>Members</i>	<i>Date of receipt of notification of ratification or acceptance (A)</i>	<i>Date of receipt of notification of ratification or acceptance (A)</i>	
Afghanistan .....	23 May 1974	Kuwait .....	8 January 1973 A
Algeria .....	12 June 1974	Libyan Arab Republic .....	22 October 1974 A
Argentina .....	1 November 1974	Luxembourg .....	29 May 1973
Australia .....	12 July 1973	Malawi .....	10 November 1972 A
Austria .....	16 August 1973	Malaysia .....	19 September 1972 A
Barbados .....	11 December 1972	Mali .....	21 February 1973
Belgium .....	1 February 1973	Malta .....	6 August 1973 A
Bolivia .....	6 February 1973 A	Mauritius .....	17 November 1972 A
Brazil .....	2 November 1973	Morocco .....	20 June 1973 A
Bulgaria .....	10 October 1973	Netherlands .....	19 October 1973 A
Burma .....	21 May 1974 A	New Zealand .....	19 February 1974 A
Burundi .....	10 April 1973A	Nigeria .....	26 April 1973
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic .....	8 January 1974 A	Norway .....	30 March 1973
Canada* .....	9 November 1972	Pakistan .....	3 January 1973
Central African Republic .....	25 July 1973	Panama .....	26 June 1973 A
Chad .....	27 February 1973	Peru .....	15 June 1973 A
Chile .....	25 June 1973 A	Poland .....	29 August 1974
Congo .....	25 September 1973	Qatar .....	10 January 1974 A
Cuba .....	30 November 1973	Republic of Viet-Nam .....	27 December 1972 A
Cyprus .....	10 December 1973	Romania .....	8 June 1973
Dahomey .....	2 January 1974 A	Rwanda .....	25 September 1972 A
Denmark .....	5 December 1972	Senegal .....	15 October 1973 A
Egypt .....	12 December 1972	Sierra Leone .....	24 October 1972 A
Finland .....	4 April 1973	Singapore .....	22 June 1973 A
France* .....	28 December 1972	Spain .....	4 February 1974
Germany, Federal Republic of* .....	6 June 1973 A	Sri Lanka .....	21 December 1973
Ghana .....	19 June 1973 A	Sudan .....	1 July 1974 A
Greece .....	21 January 1974	Sweden .....	22 May 1973
Guyana .....	1 February 1973 A	Switzerland .....	8 March 1973 A
Haiti .....	27 August 1973 A	Syrian Arab Republic .....	11 June 1973
Hungary .....	19 February 1974	Trinidad and Tobago .....	14 August 1973
Iceland .....	29 November 1972 A	Tunisia .....	23 November 1973 A
India* .....	8 June 1973	Uganda .....	16 April 1974 A
Indonesia .....	17 July 1973 A	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic .....	29 January 1974 A
Iran .....	6 December 1972 A	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics* .....	8 January 1974 A
Iraq .....	30 March 1973 A	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* .....	19 January 1973
Ireland .....	28 February 1974	United Republic of Cameroon .....	6 July 1973 A
Italy* .....	8 June 1973	Upper Volta .....	12 September 1973
Ivory Coast .....	10 October 1973	Yugoslavia .....	25 October 1973
Jamaica .....	20 March 1973 A	Zaire .....	25 March 1974
Japan* .....	31 July 1973 A	Zambia .....	25 September 1972
Jordan .....	10 November 1972 A		
Kenya .....	19 September 1972 A		

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 15, p. 40; see also vol. 191, p. 143, and vol. 466, p. 323, for the Instruments for the amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation.

for the figures “forty-eight”, “twenty-four”, “fourteen” and “twelve”, a question which is the seventh item on the agenda of the session, adopts this twenty-second day of June of the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two the following instrument for the amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, which may be cited as the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation Instrument of Amendment, 1972:

*Article 1.* In the text of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation as at present in force, the figures “fifty-six”, “twenty-eight”, “eighteen” and “fourteen” shall be substituted for the figures “forty-eight”, “twenty-four”, “fourteen” and “twelve” in paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 7.<sup>1</sup>

*Article 2.* As from the date of the coming into force of this Instrument of Amendment the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation shall have effect as amended in accordance with the preceding article.

*Article 3.* On the coming into force of this Instrument of Amendment, the Director-General of the International Labour Office shall cause an official text of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation as modified by the provisions of this Instrument to be prepared in two original copies, duly authenticated by his signature. One of these copies shall be deposited in the archives of the International Labour Office and the other shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for registration in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. The Director-General shall communicate a certified copy of the text to each of the Members of the International Labour Organisation.

*Article 4.* Two copies of this Instrument of Amendment shall be authenticated by the signatures of the President of the Conference and of the Director-General of the International Labour Office. One of these copies shall be deposited in the archives of the International Labour Office and the other shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for registration in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. The Director-General shall communicate a certified copy of the Instrument to each of the Members of the International Labour Organisation.

*Article 5.* 1. The formal ratifications or acceptances of this Instrument of Amendment shall be communicated to the Director-General of the International Labour Office, who shall notify the Members of the Organisation of the receipt thereof.

2. This Instrument of Amendment will come into force in accordance with the provisions of article 36 of the Constitution of the Organisation.

3. On the coming into force of this Instrument, the Director-General of the International Labour Office shall so notify all the Members of the International Labour Organisation and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The foregoing is the authentic text of the Instrument for the amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation duly adopted by the General

<sup>1</sup> The amended text of paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 7 reads as follows:

*Article 7*

1. The Governing Body shall consist of fifty-six persons —
  - Twenty-eight representing governments,
  - Fourteen representing the employers, and
  - Fourteen representing the workers.

2. Of the twenty-eight persons representing governments, ten shall be appointed by the Members of chief industrial importance, and eighteen shall be appointed by the Members selected for that purpose by the Government delegates to the Conference, excluding the delegates of the ten Members mentioned above.

Conference of the International Labour Organisation during its Fifty-seventh session which was held at Geneva and declared closed the twenty-seventh day of June 1972.

The English and French versions of the text of this Instrument of Amendment are equally authoritative.

IN FAITH WHEREOF we have appended our signatures this twenty-seventh day of June 1972.