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Promotion of the ratification of the Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, 1986

Progress report

Summary: This document provides Governing Body members with information on developments since the Governing Body examined the question of promoting the ratification of the Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, 1986, at its 312th Session (November 2011).

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Related documents: GB.312/LILS/1.

I. Status of ratifications

1. Since the Governing Body examined the question in November 2011, one further instrument of ratification, received from Eritrea, was registered on 20 December 2011. This brings the total number of ratifications to 96, including two from Members of chief industrial importance. A further 26 ratifications are therefore still needed to reach the number of ratifications required under the Constitution for the Instrument of Amendment to enter into force,¹ including three from Members of chief industrial importance.

II. Measures taken to promote the ratification of the Instrument of Amendment

2. In keeping with the strategy advocated by the Governing Body,² the Office has pursued its efforts to promote the ratification of the Instrument of Amendment. An official information session was organized for participants attending the 15th Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting, which was held in Kyoto from 4 to 7 December 2011. During the information session constituents from the Asia and the Pacific region were informed about the content of the Instrument of Amendment, the conditions for its entry into force, the status of ratifications and the measures taken to promote it.
3. Furthermore, when the Office receives requests from non-member States for information regarding ILO membership, it systematically indicates that membership must be accompanied by ratification of the Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, 1986.

III. Measures to be taken by the Office

4. During the period between now and the 316th Session of the Governing Body (November 2012), and as suggested by several members of the Governing Body in November 2011, the Office will take targeted action focusing on Members that voted for the Instrument of Amendment when it was adopted but that have not yet ratified it, and also on the eight Members of chief industrial importance that have not yet ratified it.

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¹ Ratification by two-thirds of Members, including five by the ten Members of chief industrial importance.

² GB.312/LILS/PR, para. 13.