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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 340th Session (October–November 2020), the Governing Body continued reviewing the status of ratification of the 1986 Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the ILO (the 1986 Amendment).¹
2. As at 25 February 2021, 115 ratifications of the 1986 Amendment had been registered, including two from Members of chief industrial importance (India and Italy). Since the October–November 2020 session of the Governing Body, two new ratifications (by the Republic of Moldova and by Spain) have been registered. A further 10 ratifications, including at least three 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.
3. 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.
4. At the second meeting of the tripartite working group on the full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance on 1 February 2021, the Government member of the Islamic Republic of Iran informed the meeting that the ratification of the

¹ GB.340/INS/PV, paras 340–342; GB.340/INS/18/1.

1986 Amendment had been approved by the Iranian Cabinet and would be considered by the Parliament.

5. Since the October–November 2020 session of the Governing Body, the Office has continued its promotional activities for the ratification of the 1986 Amendment. It has undertaken to update the dedicated page on the ILO website, responded to queries and provided information to interested governments. In addition, the Director-General, Deputy Directors-General and other senior officials have discussed this matter during their meetings with constituents, as appropriate.