



18th American Regional Meeting

Lima, Peru, 13–16 October 2014

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Report of the Credentials Committee

1. The Credentials Committee, which was appointed by the 18th American Regional Meeting at its first sitting, met on 14 and 15 October 2014, in conformity with article 9 of the *Rules for Regional Meetings*, to examine the credentials of the delegates and advisers accredited to the Meeting, as well as any objection concerning their credentials and other communications.
2. The Committee was composed as follows:

Chairperson: Ms Gloria Gaviria (Government substitute delegate, Colombia)
Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Bladimir Pablo Carrasco Quintana (Employers' delegate, Plurinational State of Bolivia)
Ms Ruth Coelho Monteiro (Workers' delegate, Brazil)
3. Credentials received in respect of the members of the delegations were submitted in the form of official instruments, official letters, and facsimiles or scanned copies of such documents.
4. Credentials were received by 27 of 33 member States accredited at the end of the Meeting within the time limit set forth in paragraph 3 of article 1 of the aforementioned Rules, according to which credentials must be deposited at least 15 days before the date fixed for the opening of the meeting. Six member States did not deposit their credentials in time (Brazil, Dominica, El Salvador, Mexico, Paraguay and Saint Kitts and Nevis). The Committee draws the Governments' attention to the importance of depositing their credentials within this time limit, for it provides access to advance information, through the preliminary list of the participants published electronically, that may serve as a basis for objections to the credentials of delegates or their advisers.

Composition of the Meeting

5. By the time of the adoption of this report, and as reflected in the table in Annex A, out of the 38 member States invited to attend the Meeting, 33 had sent credentials, including the two of the three member States responsible for the external relations of non-metropolitan territories located in the region. Sixty Government delegates, 32 Employers' delegates and 33 Workers' delegates were accredited to the Meeting, that is a total of 125 delegates. In addition, 74 Government advisers, 40 Employers' advisers and 65 Workers' advisers were also accredited, amounting to a total of 179 advisers. Persons appointed as both substitute

delegates and advisers have been included in the latter category. The total number of accredited delegates and advisers thus amounted to 304.¹

6. Regarding the number of delegates and advisers having effectively registered, there were 55 Government delegates, 31 Employers' delegates and 32 Workers' delegates, making a total of 118 delegates. The total number of advisers amounted to 147, of whom 63 were Government advisers, 30 Employers' advisers and 54 Workers' advisers. Annex B to this report sets out detailed information on the number of delegates and advisers registered at the Meeting, amounting to a total of 265.²
7. The Committee observed that the delegation of a member State responsible for the external relations of non-metropolitan territories located in the region (France) was represented at the Meeting by a Government delegate and a Workers' delegate, but did not comprise the Employers' delegate. The delegation of Dominica comprised the Employers' delegate and Workers' delegate, but not the Government delegate.
8. With regard to the resolutions concerning the participation of women in ILO meetings, adopted by the ILC at its 60th, 67th, 78th and 98th Sessions (June 1975, June 1981, June 1991 and June 2009), the Committee observed that 42 of the 125 delegates and 59 of the 179 advisers who were accredited to the Meeting were women. Women represent therefore 33.2 per cent of the total number of delegates and advisers accredited, as compared to 24.5 per cent at the last American Regional Meeting.³ The Committee observed that four delegations contained no women delegates or advisers (Plurinational State of Bolivia, Dominica, Honduras and Saint Kitts and Nevis). The Committee recalls that the United Nation Economic and Social Council, in its Resolution 1995/15, set a target to increase the proportion of women in leadership positions to at least 30 per cent by 1995, with a view to achieving equal representation between women and men by the year 2000. The Committee notes with satisfaction that the representation of women exceeded the 30 per cent target established by the Resolution and calls upon the governments and the employers' and workers' organizations to strive to increase the representation of women in their delegations at future ILO meetings.
9. Twenty-nine Ministers and Vice-Ministers of the 33 registered member States of the region attended the Meeting.
10. One Officer of the Governing Body attended the meeting.
11. Four member States of the region (Grenada, Haiti, Nicaragua and Saint Lucia) and one member State responsible for the external relations of non-metropolitan territories located in the region (United Kingdom) were not represented at the Meeting (as compared to the nine and two member States, respectively, at the prior American Regional Meeting). In this respect, the Committee hoped that all member States would in the future participate in the regional meetings of their region and that appropriate steps would be taken to this effect.

¹ In 2010, at the 17th American Regional Meeting, the total number of accredited delegates and advisers was 237 (97 delegates and 140 advisers).

² In 2010, at the 17th American Regional Meeting, the total number of registered delegates and advisers was 196 (85 delegates and 111 advisers).

³ 33.6 per cent of the delegates and 33 per cent of the advisers, as compared to 23.7 per cent and 25 per cent, respectively, at the 17th American Regional Meeting.

Representatives of member States from a different region

12. In accordance with paragraph 6 of article 1, of the Rules for Regional Meetings, the following member States from a different region were invited to be represented by an observer delegation at the Regional Meeting:

- Portugal
- Spain

Representatives of official international organizations

13. Of the official international organizations invited to attend the Meeting, in conformity with article 1, paragraph 8, of the *Rules for Regional Meetings* and in accordance with the relevant agreements and decisions of the Governing Body, the following were accredited:

- United Nations Environment Programme
- United Nations Population Fund
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- World Bank
- Ibero-American General Secretariat
- Organization of American States
- Association of Caribbean States
- Central American Integration System
- Andean Community of Nations
- Andean Development Corporation

Representatives of non-governmental international organizations

14. Of the non-governmental international organizations invited to attend the Meeting, in conformity with article 1, paragraph 8, of the *Rules for Regional Meetings* and in accordance with the relevant agreements and decisions of the Governing Body, the following were accredited:

- International Trade Union Confederation
- World Federation of Trade Unions
- International Organisation of Employers
- Organization of African Trade Union Unity

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- Confederation of Caribbean Employers
 - Permanent Congress of Trade Union Unity of Latin America
 - Caribbean Congress of Labour
 - International Social Security Association
 - Confederación de los Trabajadores y Trabajadoras de las Universidades de las Américas
 - International Transport Workers' Federation
 - IndustriAll Global Union
 - Building and Woodworkers International
 - Public Services International
 - UNI Global Union

Objections, complaints and communications

15. The Committee did not receive any objection, complaint or communication. This appears to indicate a considerable improvement, in comparison to the last American Regional Meeting,⁴ in the compliance with the rules concerning the designation of delegates and the obligation of the member State to assume the responsibility for the travel and subsistence expenses of its tripartite delegations, in accordance with the Constitution of the ILO and article 1, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the *Rules for Regional Meetings*.

16. The Committee recalls that, by decision of the Governing Body adopted at its 183rd Session (June 1971) and modified at its 205th Session (March 1978), the Director-General is requested to carry out inquiries concerning the reasons for failure to send complete tripartite delegations, including to Regional Meetings, and to report to the Governing Body on the responses. The Committee wishes to encourage the Director-General to contact the governments mentioned in paragraphs 7 and 11 above and to report to the Governing Body accordingly.

17. The Credentials Committee adopted this report unanimously.

18. This report will be presented to the Meeting in order for the Meeting to request the Office to bring it to the attention of the Governing Body in conformity with article 9, paragraph 4, of the *Rules for Regional Meetings*.

Lima, 15 October 2014

(Signed) Ms Gloria Gavia
Chairperson

⁴ In 2010, at the 17th American Regional Meeting, the Committee received two objections and three communications.

Annex A

Accredited delegates and advisers

(Updated as of 1 p.m. on 15.10.2014)

	Government Delegates	Employers' Delegates	Workers' Delegates	Government Advisers	Employers' Advisers	Workers' Advisers
Antigua and Barbuda	2	1	1	-	-	-
Argentina	2	1	1	4	2	10
Bahamas	2	1	1	1	-	-
Barbados	2	1	1	-	-	-
Belize	2	1	1	-	-	-
Bolivia (Plurinational State)	2	1	1	-	1	1
Brazil	2	1	1	7	2	3
Canada	2	1	1	5	-	1
Chile	2	1	1	5	2	3
Colombia	2	1	1	2	2	2
Costa Rica	2	1	1	2	-	-
Cuba	2	1	1	-	-	-
Dominica	-	1	1	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	1	1	1	1	-	1
Ecuador	2	1	1	-	2	-
El Salvador	2	1	1	1	-	-
France	2	-	1	1	-	-
Grenada	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	2	1	1	-	1	1
Guyana	2	1	1	-	-	-
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honduras	2	1	1	-	-	-
Jamaica	1	1	1	-	-	-
Mexico	2	1	1	4	5	10
Netherlands	2	1	1	4	-	-
Nicaragua	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panama	2	1	1	2	2	2
Paraguay	2	1	1	4	-	2
Peru	2	1	1	23	16	27
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1	1	1	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1	1	1	-	-	-
Suriname	2	1	1	-	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	2	1	1	-	-	-
United Kingdom	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	2	1	1	4	-	1
Uruguay	2	1	1	2	1	-
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic)	2	1	1	2	4	1
Total	60	32	33	74	40	65

Annex B

Registered delegates and advisers

(Updated as of 1 p.m. on 15.10.2014)

	Government Delegates	Employers' Delegates	Workers' Delegates	Government Advisers	Employers' Advisers	Workers' Advisers
Antigua and Barbuda	1	1	1	-	-	-
Argentina	1	1	1	4	-	7
Bahamas	2	1	1	1	-	-
Barbados	2	1	1	-	-	-
Belize	1	1	1	-	-	-
Bolivia (Plurinational State)	2	1	1	-	1	1
Brazil	2	1	1	5	2	3
Canada	1	1	1	3	-	1
Chile	2	1	1	4	1	2
Colombia	2	1	1	2	2	2
Costa Rica	2	1	1	2	-	-
Cuba	2	1	1	-	-	-
Dominica	-	1	1	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	1	1	1	1	-	1
Ecuador	2	1	1	-	2	-
El Salvador	2	1	1	1	-	-
France	2	-	1	1	-	-
Grenada	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	2	1	1	-	1	1
Guyana	2	1	1	-	-	-
Haiti	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honduras	2	1	1	-	-	-
Jamaica	1	1	1	-	-	-
Mexico	2	1	1	4	5	8
Netherlands	1	1	1	4	-	-
Nicaragua	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panama	2	1	1	2	2	2
Paraguay	2	1	1	2	-	1
Peru	2	1	1	20	9	23
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1	1	1	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1	-	-	-	-	-
Suriname	2	1	1	-	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	2	1	1	-	-	-
United Kingdom	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	2	1	1	4	-	1
Uruguay	2	1	1	1	1	-
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic)	2	1	1	2	4	1
Total	55	31	32	63	30	54