

**Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution  
of the International Labour Organization**

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 Eighty-fifth Session on 3 June 1997, and

Having decided upon the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, a question which is included in the seventh item on the agenda of the Session;

adopts, this nineteenth day of June of the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven, 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, 1997:

*Article 1*

As from the date of the coming into force of this Instrument of Amendment, article 19 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation shall be amended by the insertion after paragraph 8 of the following new paragraph:

“9. Acting on a proposal of the Governing Body, the Conference may, by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast by the delegates present, abrogate any Convention adopted in accordance with the provisions of this article if it appears that the Convention has lost its purpose or that it no longer makes a useful contribution to attaining the objectives of the Organisation.”

*Article 2*

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 will communicate a certified copy of the Instrument to all the Members of the International Labour Organisation.

*Article 3*

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.