

INSTRUMENT FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION

Adopted at Paris, November 5, 1946

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation, Having been convened at Paris by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, and having met in its Twenty-seventh Session on 15 October 1945; and

Having decided upon the adoption without delay of a limited number of amendments to the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation designed to deal with problems of immediate urgency which are included in the fourth item on the agenda of the Session, adopts this fifth day of November of the year 1945, the following instrument embodying amendments to the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation, which may be cited as the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation Instrument of Amendment, 1945:

ARTICLE 1

In the final paragraph of the Preamble to the Constitution of the Organisation, the words "Constitution of the International Labour Organisation" shall be inserted after the word "following".

ARTICLE 2

1. The following paragraphs shall be substituted for the present paragraph 2 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the Organisation:

2. The Members of the International Labour Organisation shall be the States which were Members of the Organisation on 1 November 1945, and such other States as may become Members in pursuance of the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article.

3. Any original Member of the United Nations and any State admitted to membership of the United Nations by a decision of the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the Charter may become a Member of the International Labour Organisation by communicating to the Director of the International Labour Office its formal acceptance of the obligations of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation.

4. The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation may also admit Members to the Organisation by a vote concurred in by two-thirds of the delegates attending the Session, including two-thirds of the Government delegates present and voting. Such admission shall take effect on the communication to the Director of the International Labour Office by the Government of the new Member of its formal acceptance of the obligations of the Constitution of the Organisation.

5. No Member of the International Labour Organisation may withdraw from the Organisation without giving notice of its intention so to do to the Director of the International Labour Office. Such notice shall take effect two years after the date of its reception by the Director, subject to the Member having at that time fulfilled all financial obligations arising out of its membership. When a Member has ratified any International Labour Convention, such withdrawal shall not affect the continued validity for the period provided for in the Convention of all obligations arising thereunder or relating thereto.