

**INSTRUMENT FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION  
1997**

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 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.

2. This Instrument of Amendment will come into force in accordance with the provisions of article 36 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organisation.

3. On the coming into force of this Instrument, the Director-General of the International Labour Office shall so notify all the Members of the International Labour Organisation and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

**Alphabetical list of Member States that have ratified or accepted the Constitution of the ILO Instrument of Amendment, 1997 [\(NB\)](#)**

**Last Ratification : Luxembourg - 12 June 2002  
73 Ratifications/Acceptances**

<b>State</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Date of registration</b>
Albania	Ratification	30 June 1999
Antigua and Barbuda	Acceptance	17 April 2000
Argentina	Acceptance	12 March 2002
Australia	Ratification	11 October 2001
Austria	Ratification	10 November 2000
Azerbaijan	Ratification	9 August 2000
Bahrain	Acceptance	2 March 1998
Bangladesh	Ratification	9 August 2000
Barbados	Ratification	8 April 1998
Bulgaria	Ratification	23 March 1999
Canada	Acceptance	10 February 1998
China	Acceptance	24 June 1998
Congo	Ratification	29 April 2002
Cyprus	Ratification	12 October 1998
Czech Republic	Ratification	6 December 1999
Denmark	Ratification	2 August 2001
Dominica	Ratification	15 April 1998
Dominican Republic	Ratification	15 June 1999
Ecuador	Acceptance	21 August 1998
Egypt	Ratification	18 February 1999
Estonia	Ratification	12 February 2002

Ethiopia	Ratification	24 March 1999
Finland	Acceptance	12 January 1998
France	Acceptance	11 September 2001
Hungary	Ratification	26 May 1998
Iceland	Ratification	22 November 1999
India	Ratification	24 March 1999
Ireland	Ratification	22 April 1999
Italy	Ratification	28 September 2000
Japan	Acceptance	18 June 2001
Jordan	Ratification	6 January 1999
Republic of Korea	Acceptance	12 December 1997
Kuwait	Ratification	2 October 1998
Lebanon	Ratification	4 June 1999
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Ratification	26 May 1999
Luxembourg	Ratification	12 June 2002
Malawi	Ratification	17 May 1999
Malaysia	Acceptance	9 November 1998
Malta	Acceptance	27 September 2000
Mauritius	Ratification	29 April 1998
Mexico	Acceptance	25 June 1998
Moldova	Ratification	21 September 1999
Morocco	Ratification	15 October 2001
Namibia	Ratification	27 January 1999
Nepal	Ratification	30 September 1998
New Zealand	Ratification	25 May 1999
Nicaragua	Ratification	11 August 1999
Norway	Ratification	11 June 1999
Pakistan	Ratification	8 March 1999
Panama	Ratification	10 August 1999
Peru	Ratification	16 July 1999
Portugal	Ratification	3 May 1999

Qatar	Ratification	8 May 1998
Romania	Ratification	31 May 1999
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Ratification	25 September 2000
San Marino	Ratification	20 March 1998
Saudi Arabia	Acceptance	16 November 1998
Singapore	Acceptance	6 May 1999
Slovakia	Ratification	26 August 1998
Spain	Ratification	8 November 1999
Sri Lanka	Ratification	27 November 1998
Sweden	Ratification	10 February 1999
Switzerland	Ratification	28 June 2000
Syrian Arab Republic	Acceptance	1 August 2000
Tajikistan	Ratification	10 May 1999
Thailand	Ratification	8 February 1999
Trinidad and Tobago	Ratification	23 October 2000
Togo	Acceptance	1 June 2000
Turkey	Ratification	23 February 2000
United Arab Emirates	Ratification	20 May 1999
United Kingdom	Ratification	23 March 2000
Yemen	Acceptance	11 August 2000
Zambia	Ratification	23 December 1998

**TOTAL: 73/175**

The total number of ratifications and acceptances thus rose to 73 including 6 by States of chief industrial importance (China, France, India, Italy, Japan and United Kingdom).

**NB.** This Instrument will enter into force when ratified/accepted by 2/3 of the Members of the Organization (117/175) including 5 of the 10 Members of chief industrial importance.