

COMMENTS BY ETHIOPIA ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICA GROUP

Report of the Director-General: First Supplementary Report: Update on the status of ratification of the 1986 Instrument for the Amendment of the Constitution of the ILO and follow-up to paragraph 3 of the resolution on the ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of work (GB.340/INS/18/1)

Ethiopia is submitting these comments on behalf of the Africa Group

- 1.** The Africa Group wishes to thank the Director General for his report on the status of ratification of the 1986 Instrument for the Amendment of the ILO Constitution. The Group is pleased to note that three new ratifications have been registered since the last Governing Body session increasing the number of ratifications to 113. We commend the three countries for ratifying the Amendment.
- 2.** Furthermore, we would like to encourage the countries that have initiated ratification to complete the process, and urge those that are yet to ratify to consider doing so in order to definitively democratize the functioning and composition of the Governing Body of the ILO in line with the call of the Centenary Conference.
- 3.** The Group regrets that only four replies were received by the office to the Director-General's letter of 14 January 2020, inviting member states to consider the call of the Centenary Conference for the ratification of the 1986 Amendment, provide comments and explanations on the reasons which have thus far prevented or delayed ratification.
- 4.** However, the Group is encouraged by the decision to establish the tripartite working group that will serve as a platform for focused dialogue and for the development of proposals with respect to the full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance.
- 5.** The Group looks forward to the active participation of social partners and members that are yet to ratify the instrument, particularly the 'members of chief industrial importance' in the working group. The Africa Group is confident that the commitment and active participation of 'members of

chief industrial importance' will play a decisive role in realizing equitable representation of states in ILO Governing Body.

- 6.** Finally, the Africa Group would like to thank the Office for its sustained promotion of the ratification of the 1986 Instrument of Amendment and requests it to redouble its efforts by ensuring that all regional, area and country offices prioritize reaching out to members that are yet to ratify the instrument.