

# Governing Body

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## Appointment of Governing Body committees and working parties and of the Board of the International Training Centre of the ILO

1. Following the elections to the Governing Body held during the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference, it is necessary for the Governing Body at the present session to make a number of decisions regarding its Committee on Freedom of Association as well as other committees, working parties and groups appointed by it pursuant to paragraph 4.2.1 of its Standing Orders.
2. Under the Statute of the International Training Centre of the ILO, the Governing Body is also responsible for appointing from among its members a certain number of the members of the Centre's Board.
3. The purpose of this document is to remind the groups of the new appointments or renewal of appointments that need to be made by the Governing Body for the 2021–24 period. Nominations from the three groups received before the 342nd Session of the Governing Body will be included in an addendum to this document. A document with the composition of all committees and subsidiary bodies will be published after the Governing Body approves all appointments, including those proposed orally during the Session.

### ► Committee on Freedom of Association

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4. The Committee on Freedom of Association has a fixed membership of three regular members and three substitute members from each of the three groups. In practice,

there is no difference between regular and substitute members and the Committee has requested that the Governing Body appoint its members without any such distinction, simply referring to the nomination of six government, six worker and six employer members.<sup>1</sup>

5. The Committee is presided by an independent Chairperson appointed by the Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, for the same term of office as the Governing Body. The Officers of the Governing Body had already agreed to recommend the extension of the term of office of Professor Evance Rabban Kalula for a three-year term before the postponement of the Conference and Governing Body elections from 2020 to 2021 and the cancellation of the 339th Session of the Governing Body (June 2020).

## ▶ Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group

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6. At its 323rd Session (March 2015), in the context of the Standards Initiative, the Governing Body decided to establish under the Standards Review Mechanism (SRM) a tripartite working group composed of a Chairperson and 32 members: 16 representing Governments, 8 representing Employers and 8 representing Workers.
7. Under the terms of reference of the SRM Tripartite Working Group,<sup>2</sup> its Chairperson and members shall be appointed for a period coinciding with the term of the Governing Body. They do not need to be members of the Governing Body. Its 32 members are appointed by the respective groups.
8. The Chairperson of the SRM Tripartite Working Group is appointed by the Governing Body for a three-year term on the nomination of the Government group. The recommendation of the Government group will be communicated in due course.

## ▶ Tripartite Working Group on the full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance

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9. At its 341st Session (March 2021), the Governing Body decided to extend, for a period of 12 months, the duration of the tripartite working group on the full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance (TWGD). It requested the tripartite working group to present a progress report and a final report for its consideration at the 343rd (November 2021) and 344th (March 2022) Sessions, respectively.<sup>3</sup>
10. The tripartite working group is expected to hold two or more meetings between June 2021 and January 2022.
11. The TWGD is composed of 14 Government members from each of the four regions and the Employers' and Workers' groups' secretariats. Members are not required to be members of the Governing Body. All interested governments may attend and participate

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<sup>1</sup> GB.341/INS/12/1, para. 17.

<sup>2</sup> GB.325/LILS/3.

<sup>3</sup> GB.341/INS/PV, para. 282.

in the discussions. The TWGD appointed two of its members as Co-Chairpersons, Ambassador Valérie Berset-Bircher (Switzerland) and Mr Aniefiok Essah (Nigeria).

## ▶ Board of the International Training Centre of the ILO

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12. Article III, paragraph 2 of the Statute of the International Training Centre of the ILO states that the Board shall consist of:

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(c) twenty-four members appointed by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office from amongst its own members; 12 from the Government group, including six from among the representatives of the ten Members of the International Labour Organization of chief industrial importance; six from the Employers' group; and six from the Workers' group. These members shall be appointed for terms of three years unless their membership of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office ends sooner;

## ▶ Draft decision

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13. **The Governing Body:**

- (a) **Reappointed for the 2021–24 period Professor Evance Rabban Kalula as Chairperson of the Committee on Freedom of Association;**
- (b) **appointed for the 2021–24 period the Governing Body members mentioned in the addendum, as well as those communicated orally, as members of the Committee on Freedom of Association;**
- (c) **conveyed its appreciation to Mr Jan Farzan (Germany) for the valuable services rendered as Chairperson of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group since 2016;**
- (d) **appointed for the 2021–24 period Mr/Ms XXXXXX as Chairperson of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group;**
- (e) **noted the appointment of the 32 members of the Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group for the same period, made by the three groups and listed in the addendum or communicated orally;**
- (f) **appointed 24 of its members mentioned in the addendum or communicated orally – as members of the Board of the International Training Centre of the ILO for the 2021–24 period;**
- (g) **Noted the appointment of the 14 members of the tripartite working group on the full, equal and democratic participation in the ILO's tripartite governance for the extended duration of its mandate (March 2021 to March 2022) listed in the addendum or communicated orally.**