



Congress Committees

1. Article XV of the ITUC Constitution provides for the appointment of the Congress Credentials and Standing Orders Committees, as follows:

“(a) On the basis of the nominations received from member organisations and applying the principle of gender balance, the General Council shall appoint:

- (i) the Credentials Committee of seven members,
- (ii) the Standing Orders Committee of fifteen members.

(b) These two committees shall be convened immediately prior to the Congress and shall submit their first reports to the first working session of the Congress. In considering these reports the Congress shall also be requested to ratify the composition of the committees.

(c) The Credentials Committee shall:

- (i) prepare a list of persons attending the Congress;
- (ii) report to the Congress on the composition of delegations and on their voting power;
- (iii) consider any objections to the credentials of delegates;
- (iv) examine the eligibility of nominees for the General Council and the posts of General Secretary and Auditors and report to the Congress thereon;
- (v) attempt to effect agreement, in consultation with the regional organisation concerned, in cases where there are more nominations than seats allocated for those regions on the General Council and report to the Congress thereon.

(d) The Standing Orders Committee shall, taking into account any recommendations from the General Council concerning the Congress programme and proposals for Congress decisions:

- (i) consider the draft Standing Orders and report on them to the Congress;
- (ii) fix the time-table and order of business for the Congress;
- (iii) make proposals relating to the setting-up, composition, terms of reference and agenda of special Congress committees;
- (iv) consider amendments to the Constitution and report on them to the Congress;
- (v) report to the Congress on any other questions requiring a decision for the proper conduct of its business;

- (vi) consider requests for the circulation to the Congress of documents or materials other than official Congress documents.”

2. Affiliates will be requested, in the official invitation letter, to forward nominations for the Credentials Committee and the Standing Orders Committee by the deadline of 18 February in accordance with Article XIII of the Constitution.