



Constitutional amendments

1. Article XIV(b) of the ITUC Constitution requires that proposals to amend the Constitution be submitted to the ITUC not less than three months prior to Congress, establishing a deadline of 18 February 2014 for any proposed amendment to be received by the ITUC. In the event that any proposal is received after that deadline, the General Council has the authority to decide whether that proposal should be submitted to Congress. Article XIV(d) empowers the General Council to make recommendations on any proposed amendments. The Congress Standing Orders Committee is then responsible for considering amendments to the Constitution and reporting on them to the Congress.
2. Agenda item 11GC/9, The Arab Region, includes a proposal to amend the Constitution. In the event that the General Council endorses this proposal, it would be transmitted under the authority of the General Council to the Congress Standing Orders Committee which would report on the proposal to the Congress Plenary.
3. Since the proposed meeting of the Executive Bureau in April will take place after the deadline for submission of Constitutional amendments, it is proposed that the General Council request the Executive Bureau to consider any amendments received, and report on these to the General Council meeting in Berlin on the 18 May 2014.
4. In line with the provisions of Article XVIII(b) of the Constitution, a two-thirds majority vote at Congress is required to approve a Constitutional amendment, except for the Declaration of Principles, Article X (Composition of Congress delegations) and Article XVIII (voting), each of which require a three-quarters majority.