

Annex I

STATUTORY PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE HOLDING OF THE 27TH CONGRESS OF THE WCL - DISSOLUTION CONGRESS

- Article 14**
1. The Congress is the general assembly of the member organisations. It constitutes the supreme power and legislature of the WCL.
 2. Each of the member organisations mentioned in article 6 can be represented at the Congress by a delegation comprising a number of effective delegates, equal to the number of votes allotted to it by virtue of article 16 below.
Its delegation can also comprise observers whose number cannot exceed that of the effective delegates, except in the event of an explicit authorisation by the Confederal Board.
 3. Members of the Confederal Board who are not included in the delegation of one of the organisations referred to in the preceding paragraph can attend the Congress without the right to vote.
 4. Organisations affiliated as extraordinary members can be represented at the Congress by delegations whose size and powers will be decided by the Confederal Board, according to procedures laid down in article 16—3.
 5. The regional organisations or regional co-ordination groups and each international trade federation can be represented at the Congress by two effective delegates and an equal number of observers. Their voting power will, however, be calculated on the basis of 1 vote for every 50,000 paid-up members, the starting point being the average number of members dues have been paid for in the time since the previous Congress, with a minimum of two votes and up to a maximum of twelve.

- Article 16**
1. The number of votes allowed to the organisations mentioned in article 6 at the sessions of the Congress is proportional to the number of members for whom these organisations pay dues to the WCL.

The ratio is as follows:

Number of Members	Number of votes
Up to 10,000	1 vote
10,001 to 50,000	2 votes
50,001 to 100,000	3 votes
100,001 to 200,000	4 votes
200,001 to 300,000	5 votes
300,001 to 400,000	6 votes
400,001 to 500,000	7 votes
500,001 to 600,000	8 votes
600,001 to 700,000	9 votes
700,001 to 800,000	10 votes
800,001 to 900,000	11 votes
900,001 and more	12 votes

2. The number of votes that can be allotted to the extraordinary members is determined by the Confederal Board in proportion to their membership and to their contribution to the activities of the WCL.
3. The right to vote at the Congress can only be exercised by member organisations that are effectively represented by at least one delegate. The delegate(s) present command(s) all the votes allotted to the organisation he (they) represent(s).
4. In the event of a member organisation having satisfied the obligations laid down in article 16—2 but finding itself in practice unable to have itself effectively represented at the Congress sessions by at least one delegate, it can empower or delegate another organisation of the same category to represent it and vote on its behalf. Mandate and procuration must be given in writing. An organisation cannot be mandated by more than one other organisation.
5. To enable the Congress to hold valid proceedings, exception being made for the case provided for in articles 30—1 and 31—2 of the present Statutes, the number of organisations present or represented at the sessions of the Congress must be at least two-thirds of the number of member organisations which fulfil the prerequisites for attendance.

Article 30

1. Before an amendment can be made to the present Statutes, a proposal to this end must be placed on the agenda of the Congress and the amendment thus proposed must be approved by a majority of two-thirds of the number of valid votes, which must represent at least four-fifths of the number of organisations referred to in article 6.
2. Proposals for amendments to the Statutes can be submitted by the Confederal Board or by at least six of the organisations referred to in article 6.
3. The Congress cannot discuss a proposal for an amendment to the Statutes if the agenda carrying the proposal has not been communicated to the member organisations at least three months before the time scheduled for the Congress session.

Article 31

1. The dissolution of the WCL can only be decreed by a Congress convened expressly for this purpose. Notice of the Congress as well as the agenda of the session at which the proposal to dissolve the WCL will be discussed must both refer to the present article of the Statutes.
2. The dissolution of the WCL can only be decreed by a majority of two-thirds of the number of valid votes, which must represent at least four-fifths of the number of organisations referred to in article 6. If these four-fifths are not represented at a session of the Congress for which the agenda included the dissolution of the WCL, a new session of the Congress will be convened within one week. If the requisite minimum number of organisations is not attained at this second session, the proposal for dissolution will nevertheless be debated and the decisions will be taken by a majority of three-quarters of the number of valid votes.
3. In the event of dissolution, the property of the WCL and its institutions will be assigned as far as possible to purposes that conform to the goals pursued by the WCL.