

# INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Congress

Sofia, 10-16 August 2014

### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. The Credentials Committee met on 11 August 2014. Members are:

Africa/Arab World	Lucien Razafindraibe, SYGMMA, Madagascar
Asia/Pacific	CA Rajasridhar, AIRF, India Mary Liew, SMOU, Singapore
Europe	Agis Tselentis, PNO, Greece Flemming Smidt, 3F, Denmark Jaine Peacock, UNITE, Great Britain Torben Seebold, VERDI, Germany
Latin America/Caribbean	Ann Anderson, CCWU, Guyana
North America	Ingo Esders, ILA, United States Leslie Dias, UNIFOR, Canada
Observers	Simon Weller, Membership Vetting Group Diana Holland, Women Transport Workers' Committee Travis Harrison, Young Transport Workers' Committee

2. The Committee elected Agis Tselentis of PNO, Greece as its Chair and agreed that the Chair should also act as the Committee's rapporteur.
3. The Committee accepted the recommendations of the Executive Board and agreed to:
- recommend to Congress that the credentials of all affiliated unions which had paid affiliation fees to the end of 2014, or had payment-plan agreed by the Membership Vetting Group (MVG) to settle outstanding affiliation fees, should be approved; and to
  - recommend that Congress mandate the Credentials Committee to implement the decisions of the Membership Vetting Group.
4. The Committee noted that for the first time, a live process was in place, enabling the data to be updated after the Committee meeting. The most recent available data would be annexed to the report.
5. The Committee then examined the credentials of those delegates who had registered by 10h00 on Monday 11 August 2014 and found that the credentials of 304 organisations were compliant with

Rule XVII, paragraph (4) and could be approved immediately (**Annex 1**); and, the credentials of 19 organisations with Membership Vetting Group approved payment-plans could also be approved immediately (**Annex 2**).

6. The credentials of 20 organisations found to be non-compliant with Rule XVII, paragraph (4) would be registered to attend with observer status (**Annex 3**). The Committee empowered the Chair and the Membership Vetting Group to alter the status of any of these organisations which completed affiliation fee payments during the Congress.
7. The Committee further empowered the Chair and the Membership Vetting Group to examine and determine the credentials of any delegations which arrived after 10h00 on Monday 11 August and to act on the Committee's behalf.
8. The Committee noted the following three affiliated organisations, which submitted their proxy nominee at least four weeks before the beginning of Congress are were **compliant** with Rule XVII, paragraph (4), to be represented at Congress by proxy:

Union:		Union nominated to hold proxy:
1	Medium and Small Union Group for Transport Workers, Japan	National Federation of Dockworkers' Unions of Japan (ZENKOKU-KOWAN), Japan
2	National Federation of Automobile Transport Workers' Unions (ZENJIKO-ROREN), Japan	General Federation of Private Railway & Bus Workers' Unions (SHITETSU-SOREN), Japan
3	Sindicato de Capitães e Oficiais da Marinha Mercante (SINCOMAR), Portugal	Sindicato dos Engenheiros da Marinha Mercante (SEMM), Portugal

9. The Committee noted the following two affiliated unions, which submitted their proxy nominee at least four weeks before the beginning of Congress, but were **not compliant** with Rule XVII, paragraph (4), so would not be represented at Congress by proxy:

Union:		Union nominated to hold proxy:
1	Greek Federation of Loaders and Unloaders, Greece	Pan-Hellenic Seamen's Federation (PNO), Greece
2	Sindicato da Mestrança e Marinhagem de Camaras da Marinha Mercante, Portugal	Sindicato da Mestrança e Marinhagem da Marinha Mercante, Energia e Fogueiros de Terra (SITEMAQ), Portugal

10. The Committee also noted the following ten affiliated organisations, which submitted their proxy nominee within the last four weeks, to be represented at Congress by proxy:

Union:		Union nominated to hold proxy:
1	Aviation Workers' Union of Russia, Russia	Communication Workers' Union of Russia, Russia
2	Trade Union of Railwaymen and Transport Construction Workers of Kirgizia, Kyrgyzstan	Trade Union of Railwaymen and Transport Construction Workers of Russia, Russia
3	Aviation Radar, Radionavigation and Communication Workers' Union of Russia, Russia	Trade Union of Railwaymen and Transport Construction Workers of Russia, Russia
4	Motor Transport & Road Workers' Union of Russia, Russia	Trade Union of Railwaymen and Transport Construction Workers of Russia, Russia
5	Independent Trade Union of Marine Transport of Azerbaijan Republic, Azerbaijan	Seafarers' Union of Russia, Russia

6	Seafarers and Maritime Workers' Union of Western Russia, Russia	Seafarers' Union of Russia, Russia
7	Federal Union of Air Traffic Controllers of Russia, Russia	Seafarers' Union of Russia, Russia
8	Iranian Merchant Mariners Syndicate, Iran	Federazione Italiana Trasporti (FIT-CISL), Italy
9	Federazione Italiana Sindacati Addetti Servizi Commerciali Affini Turismo (FISASCATI), Italy*	Federazione Italiana Trasporti (FIT-CISL), Italy
10	UILTRASPORTI, Italy	Federazione Italiana Trasporti (FIT-CISL), Italy

\*Delegate attending part of congress, handing proxy to FIT-CISL for any votes that take place after delegate leaves

11. A delegate list based on the Committee's recommendations and the Chair's subsequent action is to be distributed. It shows the presence of 594 delegates and 610 advisers from 378 unions (13 of which are organisations represented by proxy) in 112 countries. The total voting strength is 4,114.
12. The Committee noted that 93 **female** delegates and 155 female advisers had so far registered. Committee members were pleased to note that only 8 unions were not compliant with the recommendation in Rule IV, paragraph (5) of the ITF Constitution that each delegation comprising more than three persons shall aim to include at least one woman delegate.
13. The Committee acknowledged the Executive Board motion (F) to increase women's representation at Congress, together with amendment no. 6 to increase women's representation not only at Congress but also in the ITF's structures and those of its member unions.
14. The Committee also noted that 77 **young** delegates and 162 young advisers, at the age of 35 or under, had so far registered. Committee members were pleased to note that only 29 unions were not compliant with the recommendation in Rule IV, paragraph (5) of the ITF Constitution that each delegation comprising more than five persons shall aim to include at least one young worker.
15. A list of affiliates who were found to be non-compliant with either gender or youth parity is attached as **Annexes 4 and 5**.
16. The Committee noted that 1 **nomination for the election of the General Secretary** had been received, from affiliates in compliance with Rule XVII, paragraph (4).
17. The Committee agreed that **nominations for positions** within the ITF's structures would only be accepted on the basis of the nominee's union being in compliance with Rule XVII, paragraph (4) or had a Membership Vetting Group approved payment-plan in place.
18. The Committee also agreed that **movers and seconders of motions** would only be accepted from attendees with delegate status and therefore whose affiliated organisation was in compliance with Rule XVII, paragraph (4) or had a Membership Vetting Group approved payment-plan in place.

*Agis Tselentis*  
Chair