I assent.

(L.S.)

AGATHA BARBARA
President

24th June, 1986

ACT No. XXIII of 1986

AN ACT further to amend the Industrial Relations Act, 1976.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Industrial Relations (Amendment) Act, 1986, and shall be read and construed as one with the Industrial Relations Act, 1976, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Amendment of section 28 of the principal Act.

2. Immediately after subsection (2) of section 28 of the principal Act there shall be added the following new subsection:

"(3) In cases of alleged unfair dismissal referred to in this section, any notification or request mentioned in the last preceding subsection shall be made to the Minister not later than four months from the effective date of the dismissal.".

Addition of new section 31A to the principal Act.

3. Immediately after section 31 of the principal Act there shall be added the following new section:

"Fees.

31A. (1) The Minister may by regulations prescribe the fees payable to any person representing the parties in proceedings before the Tribunal.

(2) The Tribunal shall in its award or decision tax the fees of the person or persons representing either party in accordance with the Tariff made under the preceding subsection.

(3) No person shall charge fees in excess of those taxed by the Tribunal or in the absence of such taxation, in excess of the tariff.

(4) Any party who is charged fees in excess of this section may claim back the excess by a written request to the Tribunal, which shall thereupon order the person to whom the excess was paid to refund it to that party.

(5) If the Tribunal finds that there was gross overcharging it may order the person so overcharging to pay a penalty not exceeding one thousand Maltese liri to the Secretary, who shall upon receiving that penalty transmit it to the Consolidated Fund.

(6) An order for reimbursement made in terms of subsection (4) of this section and an order to pay a penalty made in terms of subsection (5) of this section, shall be an executive title for all intents and purposes of the Code of Organization and Civil Procedure and shall be enforceable as such by the Civil Court, First Hall in the same manner and by the same means laid down in that Code.

Transitory provision.

4. The period of four months laid down in section 2 of this Act shall in respect of any dismissal that become effective before the coming into force of this Act, commence to run from the day of the coming into force of this Act.

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 357 of the 18th June, 1986.

JOHN BUTTIGIEG
Acting Speaker

P. MUSCAT TERRIBILE
Acting Clerk to the House of Representatives

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