



NINTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Other financial and general questions**Financial arrangements for the appointment of a Special Representative of the Director-General for Cooperation with Colombia**

1. At its 278th Session (June 2000) the Governing Body requested the Director-General to appoint a Special Representative of the Director-General for cooperation with Colombia to assist in and verify the actions taken by the Government and the employers' and workers' organizations to implement the conclusions of the direct contacts mission and the recommendations of the Committee on Freedom of Association in the pending cases concerning Colombia.
2. The Director-General has decided to appoint Mr. Rafael Albuquerque, former Minister of Labour of the Dominican Republic.
3. There is no provision in the Programme and Budget for 2000-01 for such an appointment, the cost of which would include fees, travel and subsistence for the Special Representative and the cost of his two assistants. It is estimated that the cost during the 2000-01 biennium would be some US\$290,000, and it is proposed that this cost would in the first instance be financed from savings that could arise in Part I of the budget. Should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.
4. *The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that the cost of the appointment of the Special Representative in 2000-01, estimated at \$290,000, be financed in the first instance from savings in Part I of the budget on the understanding that, should it subsequently prove impossible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.*

Geneva, 11 October 2000.

Point for decision: Paragraph 4.