



## SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Follow-up on consultations concerning instruments on social security**

1. Since its creation in 1995, the Working Party has examined most of the ILO Conventions and Recommendations concerning social security adopted before 1985, with the exception of instruments regarding social security for seafarers.<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Working Party's recommendations, the Governing Body has decided to request additional information from member States regarding some of these instruments.
2. As a result, in the year 2000 the Office has held consultations with member States regarding seven Conventions and three Recommendations on social security. The Office has requested member States to provide it with information on the obstacles and difficulties encountered which might prevent or delay the ratification of three Conventions.<sup>2</sup> In respect of three other Conventions,<sup>3</sup> information has been requested both on the obstacles to ratification and the possible need for revision. The Governing Body has also expressed a wish to receive from the States parties to one Convention<sup>4</sup> information on the prospects of ratification of the Convention that revises it, and of taking this opportunity to denounce the initial Convention (No. 44). Finally, information

<sup>1</sup> Examination of the instruments on social security for seafarers has been referred to the Joint Maritime Commission which will convene in Geneva in January 2001 and which should make its recommendations on the subject to the Governing Body. See document JMC/29/2.

<sup>2</sup> The Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 (No. 102), the Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 (No. 118) and the Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964 (No. 121) [Schedule I amended in 1980].

<sup>3</sup> The Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Convention, 1967 (No. 128), the Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Convention, 1969 (No. 130) and the Maintenance of Social Security Rights Convention, 1982 (No. 157).

<sup>4</sup> The Unemployment Provision Convention, 1934 (No. 44).

regarding the three Recommendations<sup>5</sup> examined has been requested on the obstacles to implementing these instruments.

3. To date, 44 member States have replied to this request for information; in addition, the Office has received interim replies from a further seven member States. These replies have been analysed. However, it appeared that consultations would still have to continue within the Office, in view of the general discussion which will take place at the 89th Session (2001) of the Conference on the theme: "Social security – Issues, challenges and prospects". The summary of the consultations held with member States regarding instruments on social security will therefore be submitted to the Working Party at its next meeting.
4. *The Working Party is invited to defer the examination of the follow-up on consultations concerning instruments on social security to the meeting which it will hold during the 280th Session (March 2001) of the Governing Body.*

Geneva, 9 October 2000.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 4.

<sup>5</sup> The Invalidity, Old-Age and Survivors' Benefits Recommendation, 1967 (No. 131), the Medical Care and Sickness Benefits Recommendation, 1969 (No. 134) and the Maintenance of Social Security Rights Recommendation, 1983 (No. 167).