



## SEVENTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Reports of the Officers of the  
Governing Body****Third report: Application for regional  
consultative status for the Asian  
region by the Confederation of  
Asia-Pacific Employers (CAPE)**

1. The Director-General has received a letter (reproduced in Appendix I) from Mr. Hironori Yano, Secretary-General of the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Employers (CAPE), requesting that CAPE be granted regional consultative status with the ILO. In support of that application, Mr. Yano indicated that “the CAPE, composed of 19 employers’ organizations in the region, is a body open to external institutions, and ready to establish constructive relations with various regional and international organizations, including the ILO, in order to achieve its objectives of making the environment of the Asia-Pacific region an attractive and better place to do business in, as well as promoting social and economic development for its people.” Attached to the letter were a copy of CAPE’s constitution, the names and addresses of its officers and the names of its member organizations.
2. At its 160th Session (November 1964), the Governing Body approved the establishment of a regional consultative status which might be granted by the Governing Body, on the recommendation of its Officers, to regional non-governmental organizations of employers or workers fulfilling a number of conditions, and in particular that “the applicant organization must be broadly representative of interests concerned with a wide range of ILO activities in the region concerned”. This status would entitle them to attend ILO Regional Conferences and ILO tripartite meetings of a regional nature in their respective regions, to make (with the agreement of the officers of such meetings) statements on matters included in the agenda and to receive ILO documents regularly. A list of the organizations that have been granted regional consultative status with the ILO is attached (Appendix II).
3. CAPE’s members are 19 employers’ organizations that have been participating in ILO activities for many years. In pursuit of its objectives, its constitution stipulates that it is to promote mutual understanding and cooperation amongst its members on issues concerning labour, the economy, social policy and labour-management relations.

- 4. *The Governing Body may wish, in the light of the above considerations, to grant the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Employers regional consultative status for the Asian region.***

Geneva, 19 March 2002.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 4.

## Appendix I

### **Letter of 13 December 2001 from Mr. Hironori Yano, Secretary-General of the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Employers (CAPE) to the Director-General of the ILO**

Dear Mr. Somavia,

First of all, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your kindness in taking the time to attend the inaugural general meeting of the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Employers (CAPE) held in Bangkok last August.

The CAPE, composed of 19 employers' organizations in the region, is a body open to external institutions, and ready to establish constructive relations with various regional and international organizations, including the ILO, in order to achieve its objectives of making the environment of the Asia-Pacific region an attractive and better place to do business in, as well as promoting social and economic development for its people. We are, therefore, interested in securing regional consultative status with the ILO.

I am enclosing here a copy of the Constitution of the CAPE, the names and addresses of its officers, and the names of the member organizations for your information. It would be highly appreciated if you could accept our application so that the two organizations could develop mutually productive relations. Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration and looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Sincerely yours,

*(Signed)*

Hironori Yano,  
Secretary-General.

## Appendix II

### Non-governmental international organizations having regional consultative status

(Regional consultative status for non-governmental organizations was established by the Governing Body at its 160th Session (November 1964).)

#### *African region*

Confédération internationale des syndicats arabes/International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions/Confederación Internacional de Sindicatos Arabes.

Organisation régionale africaine de la Confédération internationale des syndicats libres (AFRO)/African Regional Organisation (AFRO) of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions/Organización Regional Africana (AFRO) de la Confederación Internacional de Organizaciones Sindicales Libres.

Union générale des chambres de commerce, d'industrie et d'agriculture des pays arabes/General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries/Unión General de Cámaras de Comercio, Industria y Agricultura de los Países Arabes.

Organisation démocratique syndicale des travailleurs africains/Democratic Organization of African Workers' Trade Unions/Organización Democrática Sindical de los Trabajadores Africanos.

#### *Americas region*

Association des industriels de l'Amérique latine/Latin American Industrialists Association/Asociación de Industriales Latinoamericanos (AILA).

Centrale latino-américaine des travailleurs/Latin American Central of Workers/Central Latinoamericana de Trabajadores (CLAT).

Confédération des employeurs des Caraïbes/Caribbean Employers' Confederation/Confederación de Empleadores del Caribe.

Congrès du travail des Caraïbes/Caribbean Congress of Labour (CCL)/Congreso de Trabajadores del Caribe.

Congrès permanent de l'unité syndicale des travailleurs d'Amérique latine/Permanent Congress of Trade Union Unity of Latin American Workers/Congreso Permanente de Unidad Sindical de los Trabajadores de América Latina (CPUSTAL).

Organisation régionale interaméricaine des travailleurs/Inter-American Regional Organisation of Workers/Organización Regional Interamericana de Trabajadores (ORIT).

#### *Asian region*

Confédération des employeurs de l'ANASE/ASEAN Confederation of Employers/Confederación de Empleadores de la ASEAN.

Confédération internationale des syndicats arabes (CISA)/International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions (ICATU)/Confederación Internacional de Sindicatos Arabes (CISA).

Fraternité des syndicalistes d'Asie/Brotherhood of Asian Trade Unionists (BATU)/Fraternidad de Sindicalistas de Asia.

Union générale des chambres de commerce, d'industrie et d'agriculture des pays arabes/General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries (GUCCIAAC)/Unión General de Cámaras de Comercio, Industria y Agricultura de los Países Arabes.

***European region***

Confédération européenne des syndicats (CES)/European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)/Confederación Europea de Sindicatos (CES).

Confédération générale des syndicats/General Confederation of Trade Unions/Confederación General de Sindicatos.