



EIGHTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings*Addendum***Meeting of Experts on Working and Living Conditions of Seafarers on board Ships in International Registers**
(Geneva, 6-8 May 2002)

1. At its 280th (March 2001) Session, the Governing Body approved a resolution adopted by the Joint Maritime Commission concerning the internationalization of shipping, including the use of flags of convenience.¹ The resolution requested the Governing Body to hold a special Meeting of Experts to consider the results of the questionnaire on international registers which the Office had sent out to ILO member States with maritime activities. The Meeting would also seek to identify whether additional action to ensure the application of minimum social standards to seafarers was required. At its 282nd Session (November 2001), the Governing Body approved the holding of the Meeting of Experts.² This Meeting is being financed by extra-budgetary resources.

Dates

2. In a communication of 26 February 2002, the Director-General informed the Officers of the Governing Body of the postponement of the Meeting of Experts from 22-24 April 2002 to 6-8 May 2002.
3. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the rescheduled dates above.*

¹ GB.280/5(Corr.)

² GB.282/PFA/6.

Agenda

4. The Director-General proposes the following agenda:
 - Review of a global study and of case studies undertaken by the Office investigating the living and working conditions of seafarers in international registers; and
 - Guidance on possible additional action to ensure the application of minimum social standards concerning seafarers.
5. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

Composition formula

6. In his communication to the Officers of the Governing Body on 26 February 2002, the Director-General proposed to invite eight experts in consultation with the Government group, eight in consultation with the Employers' group and eight in consultation with the Workers' group. The Office will cover the expenses of these 24 experts. Furthermore, the Director-General proposes to invite experts from eight other countries without paying their expenses. Other interested governments are also invited to attend as observers. The Shipowner and Seafarer experts can be accompanied by advisers.
7. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Composition

8. In order to obtain the government nominations, the Director-General intends to approach the governments of the following countries: Brazil, China, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Greece, India, Japan, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Russian Federation, South Africa and the United States.

Invitation of an intergovernmental organization

9. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organization to be represented at the Meeting as an observer:
 - International Maritime Organization.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

10. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
 - International Christian Maritime Association;
 - International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare;
 - International Shipping Federation; and

– International Transport Workers' Federation.

11. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Consultation Meeting on Improved Security of Seafarers' Identification (Geneva, 9-10 May 2002)

12. At its present session (March 2002), the Governing Body will have before it a proposal for an urgent item on the agenda of the 91st Session (June 2003) of the International Labour Conference concerning improved security of seafarers' identification.³ The Director-General is also proposing that an additional two days be added to the duration of one of the maritime tripartite meetings in 2002, to ensure consultations on improvements to the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 1958 (No. 108).⁴

Dates

13. The Director-General proposes that, subject to the approval by the Governing Body of the recommendation in GB.283/PFA/10/1, these two days of consultations should be held on 9-10 May following the Meeting of Experts on International Registers scheduled for 6-8 May 2002.
14. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above dates, subject to the approval by the Governing Body of the recommendation in GB.283/9/1, paragraph 264.*

Agenda

15. The Director-General proposes the following agenda:
- The Meeting would enable consultations to be held with the tripartite constituents on the issues and on the possible content of the new instrument in order to enable the Office to prepare the questionnaire and draft instrument to be sent to member States in accordance with the timetable contained in Appendix III of GB.283/16/3.
16. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda, subject to the approval by the Governing Body of the recommendation in GB.283/9/1, paragraph 264.*

³ GB.283/16/3.

⁴ GB.283/PFA/10/1.

Composition

17. The Director-General proposes to send an invitation to all interested governments and to the social partners. The Office would bear the cost of daily subsistence allowance for this two-day Meeting for eight Governments, eight Shipowners' and eight Seafarers' representatives based on nominations to be made by the Government, Employers' and Workers' groups of the Governing Body. These 24 representatives would already be attending the Meeting of Experts on International Registers.
18. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula, subject to the approval by the Governing Body of the recommendation in GB.283/9/1, paragraph 264.*

Invitation of an intergovernmental organization

19. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organization to be represented at the Meeting as an observer:
- International Maritime Organization.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

20. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
- International Christian Maritime Association;
 - International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare;
 - International Shipping Federation;
 - International Organization for Standardization;
 - International Transport Workers' Federation.
21. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers, subject to the approval by the Governing Body of the recommendation in GB.283/9/1, paragraph 264.*

Tripartite Meeting on Lifelong Learning in the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Industries (Geneva, 23-27 September 2002)

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

22. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- European Commission;
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development;
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and
- UNCTAD – United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Invitation of an international non-governmental organization

23. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as an observer:

- Arab Labour Organization;
- International Federation of Workers' Educational Associations; and
- International Metalworkers' Federation.

24. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Seventeenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians (Geneva, 24 November-5 December 2003)

25. Provision is made in the Programme and Budget proposals for 2002-03⁵ and in the Technical Meetings Reserve⁶ for the Seventeenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians to be held in Geneva in October 2003. Based on the experience of the Sixteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians, the expected number of participants is about 270.

26. ILO constituents should have at their disposal internationally comparable data and internationally agreed and up-to-date guidelines on topics of labour statistics. The main purpose of the Conference is to revise existing international recommendations in the field of labour statistics. The Conference will also enable national labour statisticians to give their professional views and advice on the ILO's future statistical activities.

27. A preliminary Meeting of Experts on Labour Statistics on Household Income and Expenditure Statistics and Consumer Price Indices has already taken place (Geneva, 22-31 October 2001).

⁵ GB.280/PFA/7.

⁶ GB.282/PFA/6.

Dates

28. The Director-General proposes that the Conference should be scheduled from 24 November to 5 December 2003 in Geneva.
29. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above dates.*

Agenda

30. The Director-General proposes the following agenda:
- General Report (including past and future statistical activities of the ILO and technical chapters relating to aspects of decent work including labour indicators, quality of employment and classification systems);
 - Household income and expenditure statistics; and
 - Consumer price indices.
31. The reports prepared by the Office will examine concepts, statistical definitions and measurement methods and, except for the General Report, will provide draft resolutions for examination and adoption by the Conference.
32. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

Composition formula

33. In accordance with the practice governing previous International Conferences of Labour Statisticians, the governments of all member States will be invited to nominate participants who will attend at the expense of their respective governments. It is expected that the great majority, if not all, will be statisticians. In addition, the Director-General will be consulting the Officers of the Governing Body concerning the representation of the non-governmental groups. He will propose to invite six experts nominated by the Employers' group of the Governing Body and six nominated by the Workers' group. The experts nominated should have adequate technical qualifications to enable them to participate actively in the Conference. Their expenses will be paid by the Office. The Director-General will keep the Governing Body informed.
34. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

35. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Conference as observers:
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
 - International Monetary Fund;

- International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;
- United Nations Children’s Fund;
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
- United Nations Development Programme;
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;
- United Nations Statistical Division (and the Regional Commissions);
- World Bank;
- World Health Organization; and
- World Trade Organization.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

36. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Conference as observers:

- African Development Bank;
- Arab Labour Organization;
- Asian Development Bank;
- General Confederation of Trade Unions;
- Inter-American Development Bank;
- International Confederation of Free Trade Unions;
- International Federation of University Women;
- International Organisation of Employers;
- Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States;
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development;
- Statistical Office of the European Communities;
- World Confederation of Labour; and
- World Tourism Organization.

37. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above organizations to be represented at the Conference as observers.*

Geneva, 19 March 2002.

Points for decision: Paragraph 3; Paragraph 21;
Paragraph 5; Paragraph 24;
Paragraph 7; Paragraph 29;
Paragraph 11; Paragraph 32;
Paragraph 14; Paragraph 34;
Paragraph 16; Paragraph 37.
Paragraph 18;