



SEVENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the first session of the High-level Tripartite Working Group on Maritime Labour Standards
(Geneva, 17-21 December 2001)

1. The High-level Tripartite Working Group on Maritime Labour Standards (hereinafter referred to as the Working Group) met in Geneva from 17 to 21 December 2001. It was chaired by Mr. Jean-Marc Schindler (France).
2. In accordance with a proposal made by the Joint Maritime Commission at its 29th Session (January 2001) and a decision taken by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office at its 280th Session (March 2001), the Working Group considered the development of a new instrument which would incorporate as far as possible the substance of all the various international maritime labour standards that are sufficiently up to date.
3. The Working Group endorsed the proposals of the Joint Maritime Commission concerning the consolidation of maritime labour standards. It expressed its preliminary thoughts on various points to be taken into account in elaborating the new instrument and made some further proposals as to the contents of the draft instrument. It established a tripartite subgroup and made proposals for its composition and terms of reference. It also suggested dates in 2002 for its second meeting and for the first meeting of the subgroup.
4. The [report¹ on the proceedings](#) of the meeting is appended to this document, including the Chairperson's summary of the views and recommendations of the Working Group.
5. *The Committee on Legal Issues and International Labour Standards may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that it –*
 - (a) *take note of the report of the Working Group which is appended to this document, in particular the Chairperson's summary;*

¹ [TWGMLS/2001/10](#).

- (b) *endorse the recommendations contained in paragraphs 90, 91, 92, 93 and 94 of that report, in particular as regards the composition and terms of reference of the subgroup; and*
- (c) *request the Director-General to communicate the report of the Working Group to member States, international organizations of employers and workers, and other relevant international organizations.*

Geneva, 17 January 2002.

Point for decision: Paragraph 5.