



TENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Other financial questions**Financial arrangements for an additional item on the agenda of the 91st Session (June 2003) of the International Labour Conference, concerning the adoption of a Protocol to the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 1958 (No. 108)**

1. At its present session (March 2002), the Governing Body will have before it a report of the Director-General informing it of a communication from the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) concerning the need to consider improvements to the regime applicable to the issuance of identity documents to seafarers. The Director-General is proposing to the Governing Body a possible response to the IMO which, inter alia, includes the question of a Protocol to Convention No. 108 on the Agenda of the 91st Session (2003) of the International Labour Conference.
2. 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). In addition, the Director-General is proposing that a high-level tripartite delegation represent the ILO at the IMO Diplomatic Conference on Maritime Security to be held in London from 4 to 13 December 2002.
3. There is no provision in the Programme and Budget for 2002-03 for these proposals, and should the Governing Body approve them, financial arrangements would have to be made. The estimated cost of these proposals is some US\$572,000. This would cover the cost for an additional committee of the Conference (US\$475,000), the extra two meeting days of a maritime meeting (US\$21,000), the required preparatory work by the Office (US\$56,000) and the cost of the high-level tripartite delegation (US\$20,000). It is proposed that these costs would in the first instance be financed by savings under Part 1 of the budget that, 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 should it decide to place on the agenda of the 91st Session of the Conference an item concerning the adoption of a Protocol to the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention, 1958 (No. 108), the cost estimated at US\$572,000, be financed in the*

first instance from savings in Part 1 of the Programme and Budget for 2002-03, on the understanding that, should this not prove possible, the Director-General would propose alternative methods of financing at a later stage in the biennium.

Geneva, 28 February 2002.

Point for decision: Paragraph 4.