



## SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Other questions****Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART) – Report to be submitted to the International Labour Conference**

1. As reported to the Committee in November 2003, the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel (CEART), held its Eighth Session at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, 15-19 September 2003. As it concerns issues touching upon international labour standards, the part of the Joint Committee's report which deals with allegations submitted by national and international teachers' organizations on non-observation of the Recommendations' provisions by certain governments was examined by the Committee at the November 2003 Session.<sup>1</sup> On the recommendation of the Committee, the Governing Body took note of this part of the report and authorized the Director-General to communicate the relevant parts to the concerned governments and teachers' organizations.<sup>2</sup>
2. A paper prepared by the Office<sup>3</sup> and the full report of the Joint Committee<sup>4</sup> are before the Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues at the present session since it concerns education sector matters within the domain of the Sectoral Activities Programme. Nevertheless, practice, since the creation of the Joint Committee by separate decisions of the Governing Body and the Executive Board of UNESCO in 1966, calls for the report to be submitted to the International Labour Conference, once examined by the Governing Body. This is because the report is prepared by an expert body charged by the Governing Body with the monitoring and promotion of international standards adopted in

<sup>1</sup> GB.288/LILS/10/1.

<sup>2</sup> GB.288/10/2, para. 47(b).

<sup>3</sup> GB.289/STM/4.

<sup>4</sup> [CEART/8/2003/11](#).

close cooperation with UNESCO, and which makes explicit reference to Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference. Accordingly, depending on the outcome of the Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues review of the CEART report at the present session, it would be appropriate for the Committee to recommend its transmission to the Committee on the Application of Standards of the International Labour Conference at its 92nd Session in June 2004. A brief oral report on the Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues review will be made to the Committee by the Office.

**3. *The Committee on Legal Issues and International Labour Standards may wish to recommend that the Governing Body –***

- (a) take note of the review of the full report on the Eighth Session of the Joint ILO/UNESCO Committee of Experts on the Application of the Recommendations concerning Teaching Personnel by the Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues at the present session;***
- (b) forward the report to the International Labour Conference at its 92nd Session (June 2004) for examination in the first instance by the Committee on the Application of Standards.***

Geneva, 20 February 2004.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 3.