



## THIRTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Other financial questions****Financial arrangements for the Governing Body delegation to the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government of the African Union in Ouagadougou**

1. At its 290th (June 2004) Session, the Governing Body recommended that a tripartite delegation of the Governing Body comprising of its Officers should be appointed to attend the Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State of the African Union on Employment and Poverty Alleviation in Africa in Ouagadougou taking place from 3 to 9 September 2004.
2. As the Extraordinary Summit was to take place before this Committee would have time to review and report on the financial implications of the recommendation, the Office sought and obtained approval from the Officers of the Committee and of the Governing Body to advance funds for this purpose pending formal consideration by the Committee at this session.
3. The cost of the tripartite delegation to the Extraordinary Summit was estimated at US\$26,600 comprising ticket costs, per diem, insurance and incidental costs. Due to unforeseen reasons a smaller delegation than originally planned attended the summit and total costs amounted to US\$11,500. As there is no provision in the Programme and Budget for 2004-05 for this delegation, it is proposed that the total cost of US\$11,500 be financed in the first instance from savings under Part I of the Programme and Budget for 2004-05 and 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 that the Governing Body approve that the total cost of the tripartite delegation of US\$11,500 be financed in the first instance from savings in Part I of the Programme and Budget for 2004-05, 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, 29 September 2004.

*Point for decision:* Paragraph 4.