



SIXTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Report of the Director-General**Third Supplementary Report: Report
of the Tripartite Meeting on Youth
Employment: The Way Forward
(Geneva, 13-15 October 2004)**

1. The Tripartite Meeting on Youth Employment: The Way Forward was held in Geneva from 13 to 15 October 2004, chaired by Mr. Shane Kinley (Government, New Zealand).
2. The Meeting was attended by Government representatives from: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Ghana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Republic of Korea, Poland, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom, as well as 14 Employer and 14 Worker representatives. Government representatives from the following member States attended as observers: Algeria, Bangladesh, Cameroon, China, Croatia, France, Hungary, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United States, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe. Representatives from the following international non-governmental organizations also attended as observers: the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, the International Co-operative Alliance and the International Organisation of Employers.
3. The agenda of the Meeting as approved by the Governing Body at its 289th Session (March 2004) was as follows:
 - highlight the political, economic and social significance of youth employment issues in developing and developed countries;
 - place youth employment in the context of the Decent Work Agenda, the Global Employment Agenda and the recommendations of the High-Level Panel of the Youth Employment Network;
 - review national policy frameworks and specific policies and programmes conducive to the creation of quality jobs for young women and men;
 - distil country-level experiences, lessons learned and good practices, in particular as regards the role of tripartism in promoting youth employment, and to provide guidance for the formulation of national action plans on youth employment which

should draw on the conclusions of the forthcoming discussion on youth employment at the 2005 session of the International Labour Conference.

4. The Meeting considered a report prepared by the International Labour Office.¹
5. It unanimously adopted a set of conclusions on youth employment: the way forward. These conclusions, together with a summary of the proceedings of the Meeting, appear in the *Note on the proceedings* appended to this paper.² Paragraphs 7-12 of the conclusions set a framework for ILO action in this field, pending a more complete discussion of this issue at the International Labour Conference in June 2005, where more comprehensive conclusions would be decided.
6. *The Governing Body may wish to authorize the Director-General to communicate the Note on the proceedings containing the texts mentioned in paragraph 5 above:*
 - (a) *to governments, requesting them to communicate these texts to the employers' and workers' organizations concerned;*
 - (b) *to the international employers' and workers' organizations concerned;*
 - (c) *to the international organizations concerned.*
7. *The Governing Body may wish to authorize the Director-General to undertake consultations with the constituents prior to the 93rd Session (2005) of the International Labour Conference regarding the proposal in paragraph 11 of the aforementioned conclusions.*

Geneva, 8 February 2005.

Points for decision: Paragraph 6;
Paragraph 7.

¹ TMYEWF/2004.

² TMYEWF/2004/8.