



EIGHTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

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Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

Reappointment

1. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body reappoint, for a period of three years, the following members of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations:*

- *Ms. Robin A. Layton (Australia);*
- *Mr. Amadou Sô (Senegal);*
- *Mr. Yozo Yokota (Japan).*

Vacancies

2. Mr. Prafullachandra Natvarlal Bhagwati (India) and Mr. Benjamin Obi Nwabueze (Nigeria) informed the Director of the International Labour Standards Department of their wish not to be reappointed as members of the Committee. Mr Raymond Ranjeva informed the Office that for unforeseeable reasons he was not in a position at this time to accept the mandate as member of the Committee. The Director-General will, after appropriate consultations, submit nominations for their replacements at a future session of the Governing Body.

3. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General convey to Mr. Prafullachandra Natvarlal Bhagwati (India) and Mr. Benjamin Obi Nwabueze (Nigeria) its deep gratitude for the services they have rendered to the ILO.*

Tripartite Meeting of Experts to Develop Joint ILO/WHO Guidelines on Health Services and HIV/AIDS (Geneva, 19-21 April 2005)

Composition

4. At its 290th Session (June 2004), the Governing Body approved the composition of a meeting of experts attended by 15 participants: five experts nominated after consultation with the governments of five countries selected by the WHO in agreement with the ILO, five experts nominated after consultation with the Employers' group and five experts nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body. It was also agreed that an independent chairperson, selected after consultation with the government of an additional country, would be nominated.

Agenda

5. At the same session, the Governing Body also approved the following agenda for this Meeting: Discuss and adopt the ILO/WHO Guidelines on Health Services and HIV/AIDS.

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

6. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
 - The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria;
 - Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;
 - United Nations Programme on Drugs and Crime.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

7. The Director-General proposes to invite the following organizations to be represented at the Meeting:
 - Global Business Coalition on HIV and AIDS;
 - Global Health Initiative/World Economic Forum;
 - International Commission on Occupational Health;
 - International Council of Nurses;
 - International Pharmaceutical Federation;
 - Public Services International;
 - World Medical Association.
8. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Tripartite Intersessional Meeting on the Follow-up to the Preparatory Technical Maritime Conference (Geneva, 21-27 April 2005)

Composition

9. At its 291st Session (November 2004), the Governing Body endorsed the requests and actions set out in the two resolutions adopted by the Preparatory Technical Maritime Conference (PTMC) as regards the procedures to deal with the amendments submitted to the PTMC on unbracketed text which were not dealt with due to time constraints, and with the unresolved issues in the bracketed texts of the draft consolidated maritime labour Convention. It therefore approved the holding, at no direct cost for the Office, of a

Tripartite Intersessional Meeting open to representatives of governments of all ILO member States as well as to the representatives designated by the international organizations of shipowners and seafarers. The Tripartite Intersessional Meeting is due to be held in Geneva, from 21 to 27 April 2005.

Agenda

10. In order to ensure the best possible preparation for the Maritime Session of the International Labour Conference tentatively scheduled for February 2006 and in order to meet the requests made by the Preparatory Technical Maritime Conference (PTMC), in the two relevant resolutions, the agenda of the Meeting will be divided into two parts as follows:
 - (a) Discussion of issues which were not resolved by the PTMC;
 - (b) Discussion of amendments proposed during the PTMC for unbracketed text.

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

11. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
 - European Union;
 - International Maritime Organization;
 - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development;
 - Paris Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Port State Control;
 - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;
 - United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea;
 - World Health Organization.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

12. The Director-General proposes to invite the following organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:
 - International Association of Classification Societies;
 - International Christian Maritime Association;
 - International Federation of Shipmasters Association;
 - International Group of P and I Associations;
 - International Shipping Federation;
 - International Transport Workers' Federation.
13. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers.*

Sixth Session of the Joint ILO/IMO Ad Hoc Expert Working Group on Liability and Compensation regarding Claims for Death, Personal Injury and Abandonment of Seafarers
(London, 19-23 September 2005)

Composition

14. The Working Group intends to hold its sixth session in London, from 19-23 September 2005, with the participation of eight IMO representatives and eight ILO (four Shipowner and four Seafarer) representatives, at no cost to the ILO. This composition formula was approved by the Governing Body at its 282nd Session (November 2001).

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15. At its 289th Session (March 2004), the Governing Body took note of the Working Group's report of its fifth session (London, 12-14 January 2004), and approved, inter alia, the revised terms of reference for the Working Group, as contained in Annex 3 of the Working Group's report.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

16. The Director-General proposes to invite the following international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the session of the Working Group as observers:
- International Collective in Support of Fishworkers;
 - International Christian Maritime Association;
 - Mission to Seamen;
 - International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare;
 - International Maritime Committee.
17. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the above international non-governmental organizations to be represented at the session of the Joint Working Group as observers.*

International Symposium on the Role of Trade Unions in the Global Economy and the Fight against Poverty
(Geneva, 17-21 October 2005)

18. The Programme and Budget for 2004-05 includes a provision for a workers' International Symposium on the Role of Trade Unions in the Global Economy and the Fight against Poverty. This provision envisages the holding of a meeting lasting five days and involving 45 trade union leaders worldwide. This Symposium is due to be held in Geneva from 17 to 21 October 2005.

Composition

19. It is proposed that, as foreseen in the programme and budget, the Symposium should be attended by 45 trade union representatives, nominated after consultation with the Workers' group of the Governing Body and coming from both industrialized and developing countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Arab region.
20. Efforts will be made to ensure that at least 30 per cent of the participants selected are women, in compliance with the Workers' group's policy on gender equality.
21. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

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22. The Director-General proposes the following agenda:
 - To review the state of the global economy in the light of the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization. An assessment will be made on the progress being made towards building a just globalization and the roles unions are playing in this regard.
 - To focus on the Millennium Development Goals, particularly that of reducing extreme poverty, and consider the role of trade unions in the fight against poverty and social exclusion.
23. The Symposium will also provide an opportunity for elected leaders to develop strategies to promote governance, to place the creation of more and better jobs at the heart of socio-economic policies and to ensure effective trade union participation in national poverty reduction strategies.
24. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

Geneva, 21 March 2005.

Points for decision: Paragraph 1;
Paragraph 3;
Paragraph 8;
Paragraph 13;
Paragraph 17;
Paragraph 21;
Paragraph 24.