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## FOR INFORMATION

### NINETEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## Report of the Director-General

### First Supplementary Report: Appointment of Regional Directors

1. In accordance with the Staff Regulations, appointments at the Regional Director level are made by the Director-General after consultation with the Officers of the Governing Body. On entering upon duties, a Regional Director shall make and sign the prescribed declaration of loyalty before the Governing Body in public session.
2. After duly consulting the Officers of the Governing Body, the Director-General has appointed Mr. Jean Maninat as Director of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean with the rank of Assistant Director-General, with effect from 1 August 2006, and Mr. Gek-Boo Ng as Director of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific with the rank of Assistant Director-General, with effect from 15 August 2006.
3. These appointments are communicated to the Governing Body for information. Brief statements concerning the qualifications and previous activities of Mr. Maninat and Mr. Ng are given overleaf.

Geneva, 10 October 2006.

*Submitted for information.*

### **Mr. Jean Maninat (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)**

Appointed Director of the ILO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, with effect from 1 August 2006.

Born in 1949. In 1971, Mr. Maninat graduated with a degree (Associate in Arts and Philosophy) from the Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, Florida, United States, and in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the Central University of Venezuela in Caracas. Before joining the ILO, Mr. Maninat held the positions of Professor of Social Aspects of Development at the Institute for Higher Trade Union Studies, Caracas, and Coordinator of the International Relations Department of the Venezuelan Workers' Confederation (Confederación de Trabajadores de Venezuela). Mr. Maninat was a member of the Miranda State Legislature from 1979 to 1984 and collaborated regularly with the main newspapers and magazines in his country.

In 1987, Mr. Maninat was appointed Relations Officer in the Bureau for Workers' Activities. From 1995 to 1997, he was Head of the Research, Information, Publication and Documentation Unit in the Bureau for Workers' Activities. In 1997, he was transferred to the ILO Office for Mexico, Cuba and Haiti as Director, returning to headquarters in 2000 to take up the positions of Adviser and subsequently Senior Adviser for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Office of the Director-General.

### **Mr. Gek-Boo Ng (Malaysia)**

Appointed Director of the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, with effect from 15 August 2006.

Born in 1947. Mr. Ng holds degrees from the Nanyang University in Singapore, a Master's degree from the University of Manchester, United Kingdom, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Sheffield, United Kingdom. Mr. Ng joined the ILO in 1974 as a Research Economist and was appointed Deputy Director of the ILO Office in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from 1979 to 1981, when he was transferred to the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand, as Regional Economic Adviser. From 1986 to 1988, Mr. Ng was assigned to the position of Senior Programming Officer of the Department of Technical Cooperation. In 1988, Mr. Ng was appointed Director of the ILO Office in Beijing, China, before transferring, in 1991, to the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok as Deputy Director.

In 1994, Mr. Ng returned to headquarters where he was appointed Chief of the Development Policies Branch and, as from 1996, Chief of the Employment and Labour Market Policies Branch, in the Employment and Training Department. From 1999 to 2002, Mr. Ng held the position of Director of Operations of the International Programme for the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) before being appointed Director of the Human Resources Development Department. In 2005, Mr. Ng took up the position of Senior Adviser on Asia and the Pacific Region in the Office of the Director-General. In January 2006, while retaining these functions, Mr. Ng was appointed Regional Director *ad interim* for the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.