



TWENTY-SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Composition and agenda of standing bodies and meetings

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Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

Reappointments

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 on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations:*
 - *Mr Mario Ackerman (Argentina);*
 - *Mr Denys Barrow (Belize).*

Vacancy

2. Mr Amadou Sô (Senegal) informed the Director of the International Labour Standards Department of his wish not to be reappointed as a member of the Committee. The Director-General will, after appropriate consultations, submit a nomination for his replacement at a future session of the Governing Body.
3. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General convey to Mr Amadou Sô its deep gratitude for the services he has rendered to the ILO.*

ILO Declaration Expert-Advisers

Reappointments

4. Pending a review of the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and its Follow-up by the International Labour Conference as provided in Part IV of the Follow-up, *the Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body reappoint, for a period of one year, the following persons as ILO Declaration Expert-Advisers:*
 - *Ms Maria Cristina Cacciamali (Brazil);*
 - *Dr Ahmed El Borai (Egypt);*
 - *Mr Jean-Jacques Oechslin (France);*
 - *Ms Nieves Roldan-Confesor (Philippines);*
 - *Mr Robert White (Canada).*

Short biographies of these five persons are reproduced in the appendix.

Tripartite Meeting of Experts on Labour Statistics: Child Labour Statistics and Measurement of Working Time

(Geneva, 1–10 April 2008)

5. At its 289th Session (March 2004), the Governing Body took note of the report of the 17th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS), held in December 2003,¹ in which the Conference unanimously supported the development of a resolution on child labour statistics for presentation at the next ICLS, and recommended that priority be given to the organization of a meeting of experts on working time prior to the 18th International Conference of Labour Statisticians. Provision is made in the programme and budget for the 18th International Conference of Labour Statisticians² and this preparatory meeting to be financed out of the Technical Meetings Reserve for 2008–09.³ Consequently, it is proposed to hold in Geneva, from 1 to 10 April 2008, a meeting of experts on child labour statistics and a revision of international standards on measurement of working time.

Composition

6. The Director-General proposes that the Meeting be attended by 14 Government experts for Parts 1 and 2 of the agenda, nominated after consultations with governments, seven Employer experts nominated after consultations with the Employers' group, and seven Worker experts nominated after consultations with the Workers' group of the Governing Body. The experts nominated should be well acquainted with the items on the agenda.
7. In order to obtain the government nominations, the Director-General intends to approach the Governments of Bangladesh, Brazil, India, Philippines, Senegal, South Africa and the United States for Part 1 only, and of Armenia, Australia, Canada, Chile, Fiji, Islamic Republic of Iran and Poland for Part 2 only, and of Ethiopia, Italy, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Norway and Turkey for both Parts. A reserve list would also be established which would include the Governments of the following countries: Argentina, Cambodia, Croatia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador and Egypt.
8. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.*

Agenda

9. The Director-General proposes the following agenda for the Meeting:
- Part 1: Setting international standards for child labour statistics;
 - Part 2: Revision of international standards on measurement of working time.
10. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

¹ GB.289/14.

² See below, para. 17.

³ The Programme and Budget for 2008–09, para. 355, and GB.300/PFA/10, Appendix II.

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

11. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Meeting as observers:

- African Development Bank (AfDB);
- Andean Community;
- Asian Development Bank (ADB);
- Common Market of the Southern Cone (MERCOSUR);
- Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS);
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);
- Inter-American Development Bank;
- Inter-American Research and Documentation Centre on Vocational Training (CINTERFOR);
- International Monetary Fund (IMF);
- Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS);
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU);
- Observatoire économique et statistique d’Afrique subsaharienne (AFRISTAT);
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- The Paris City Group for Labour and Compensation;
- Southern African Development Community (SADC);
- Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT);
- United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP);
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA);
- United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD);
- World Bank;

- World Health Organization (WHO);
- World Trade Organization (WTO).

Seventh 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 (Geneva, 4–7 February 2008)

12. At its 295th Session (March 2006), the Governing Body took note of the report of the 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, held in London, from 19 to 21 September 2005 and approved the holding of a seventh session of the Working Group.⁴ In March 2007, the Governing Body was also informed⁵ that at its 92nd Session, held in Paris on 16–20 October 2006, the IMO Legal Committee received a progress report on the work of the Joint Working Group and invited the Joint Secretariat to fix a date for the Seventh Session of the Joint Working Group, in consultation with its Chairperson. It is now proposed that the Seventh Session of the Working Group be held in Geneva, from 4 to 7 February 2008.

Composition

13. In March 2006, when the Governing Body approved the holding of a Seventh Session of the Working Group, it also agreed that this session would be attended by eight IMO representatives and eight ILO representatives (three Shipowners, one fishing vessel owner, and four Seafarers), at no cost to the ILO.

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14. The revised terms of reference for further work of the Working Group, as contained in the appendix of the report of the Sixth Session of the Joint Working Group,⁶ were also approved by the Governing Body, in March 2006.

Invitation of international non-governmental organizations

15. 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;

⁴ GB.295/13 (Rev.).

⁵ GB.298/STM/5/1.

⁶ IMO/ILO/WGLCCS 6/6.

- Mission to Seamen;
- International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare;
- International Maritime Committee.

16. *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.*

Eighteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians (Geneva, 24 November–5 December 2008)

- 17.** Provision is made in the Technical Meetings Reserve⁷ for the 18th International Conference of Labour Statisticians to be held in Geneva from 24 November to 5 December 2008. Based on the experience of the 17th International Conference of Labour Statisticians, the expected number of participants is about 250.
- 18.** ILO constituents should have at their disposal internationally comparable data and internationally agreed and up to date guidelines on labour statistics. The main purpose of the Conference is to make recommendations on international standards on labour statistics. The Conference will also review the statistical activities carried out by the ILO since it last met and give advice on planned activities.
- 19.** The Conference will be preceded by a Meeting of Experts on Labour Statistics: Updating the International Standard Classification of Occupations, to be held in Geneva from 3 to 6 December 2007, and by a Meeting of Experts on Labour Statistics: Child Labour Statistics and Measurement of Working Time, to be held in Geneva from 1 to 10 April 2008.⁸

Composition

- 20.** In accordance with the practice governing previous International Conferences of Labour Statisticians, the governments of all member States will be invited to nominate participants who will attend at the expense of their respective governments. It is expected that the great majority, if not all, will be statisticians. In addition, the Director-General proposes to invite ten experts nominated by the Employers' group of the Governing Body and ten nominated by the Workers' group. The experts nominated should have adequate technical knowledge to enable them to participate actively in the Conference.
- 21. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above composition formula.***

⁷ The Programme and Budget for 2008–09, para. 355, and GB.300/PFA/10.

⁸ See above, paras 5–11.

Agenda

22. The Director-General proposes the following agenda:

- general report on past and planned statistical activities of the ILO and on the functioning of the International Conference of Labour Statisticians;
- measurement of working time;
- child labour statistics.

23. The reports prepared by the Office will examine concepts, statistical definitions and measurement methods and, except for the general report, will provide draft resolutions for examination and adoption by the Conference.

24. *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Governing Body approve the above agenda.*

Invitation of intergovernmental organizations

25. The Director-General intends to invite the following intergovernmental organizations to be represented at the Conference as observers:

- African Development Bank;
- Arab Labour Organization;
- Asian Development Bank;
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);
- Inter-American Development Bank;
- International Monetary Fund;
- International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW);
- Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS);
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
- The Paris City Group for Labour and Compensation;
- Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT)
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF);
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD);
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA);

- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC);
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA);
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);
- United Nations Statistics Division (and the Regional Commissions);
- World Bank;
- World Health Organization (WHO);
- World Tourism Organization;
- World Trade Organization (WTO).

Invitation of an international non-governmental organization

- 26.** The Director-General proposes to invite the International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions (ICATU) to be represented at the Conference as an observer.
- 27.** *The Officers of the Governing Body recommend that the Director-General be authorized to invite the International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions (ICATU) to be represented at the Meeting as an observer.*

Geneva, 9 November 2007.

Points for decision: Paragraph 1;
Paragraph 3;
Paragraph 4;
Paragraph 8;
Paragraph 10;
Paragraph 16;
Paragraph 21;
Paragraph 24;
Paragraph 27.

Appendix

ILO Declaration Expert-Advisers

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Dr Ahmed El Borai (Egypt)

Vice-Chairperson of the UN Committee for the Protection of Migrant Workers and their Families. Chairperson of the Committee of Law Experts of the Arab Labour Organization. Professor and Head of Labour Legislation, Faculty of Law, and Director of the Centre for Labour Relations, University of Cairo. Formerly representative of Egypt to UNESCO and consultant to UNDP, ILO and ALO. Author of books and articles in Arabic and French on labour law and labour administration. Degrees: Licence en Droit, University of Cairo; D.E.S. and Doctorat d'Etat (public law), University of Rennes (France).

Mr Jean-Jacques Oechslin (France)

Retired; Chairperson of the French Association for the ILO. Vice-Chairperson of the French Association for Labour Relations Studies. Former Chairperson of the International Labour Conference (1998). Served as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the ILO Governing Body. Former President of the European Community Social Commission of the Federation of Industry (UNICE). Honorary President of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE). Degrees: Diploma and Doctorate in Law, Institute for Political Studies, Paris.

Ms Maria Nieves Roldan-Confesor (Philippines)

Professor at the Asian Institute of Management for Public and Social Policy, Management, Conflict Resolution and Negotiation; Chairperson, Government of the Philippines Negotiating Panel with the Communist Party of the Philippines/National Democratic Front/New People's Army; Head, Panel of Experts to the Joint Congressional (Philippine Legislature) Commission Amending the Labor Code. Chairperson of Kybernan Group (international consultants for institutional reform and governance) and Strategic Options, Inc. Director/government representative of Philippine National Bank (for privatization), MetroBank of the Philippines, Philippine National Oil Company. Former Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment, and Presidential Adviser on International Labor Affairs. Served as Chairperson of the ILO Governing Body. Chairperson of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and the National Wages and Productivity Commission. Consultant/external collaborator to the World Bank and the ILO. Served as Chairperson of various national groups, ASEAN Labour Ministers' Meeting. Degrees:

Master in Public Policy and Administration, Harvard University; Master of Business Administration, Ateneo de Manila University; Bachelor of Arts, Maryknoll College.

Mr Robert White (Canada)

Retired; commenced his work life in a small factory and was elected as union workplace representative at the age of 17. President Emeritus, Canadian Labour Congress and former President of the Canadian Auto Workers' Union. Has also served as President of the Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); Chairperson of the Commonwealth Trade Union Council; and Chairperson of the Human and Trade Union Rights Committee of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. Degrees: Honorary degrees from York University; the University of Windsor; St Francis Xavier; University of Western Ontario and University of Toronto.