



## THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA

**Effect to be given to the  
recommendations of sectoral  
and technical meetings****(a) Tripartite Meeting on the Impact of  
Global Food Chains on Employment  
(Geneva, 24–27 September 2007)**

1. The Tripartite Meeting on the Impact of Global Food Chains on Employment was held in Geneva from 24 to 27 September 2007, and was chaired by Mr Rosales, Government member of the Governing Body.
2. The Meeting was attended by Government representatives from 23 member States: Angola, Argentina, Austria, Brazil, China, France, Gabon, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mali, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Zimbabwe, as well as 16 Employer and 17 Worker representatives. Observers from the International Trade Centre/United Nations Conference for Trade and Development attended the Meeting, and representatives from the following non-governmental organizations also attended as observers: the International Trade Union Confederation; the International Organisation of Employers; the International Union of Food, Agriculture, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations; Union Network International; and the World Federation of Trade Unions.
3. The Meeting considered an issues paper prepared by the International Labour Office.<sup>1</sup> It unanimously adopted a set of conclusions on the impact of global food chains on employment.
4. This text, together with a summary of the proceedings of the Meeting, appear in the *Note on the proceedings*, which accompanies the present paper.<sup>2</sup> They focus on recent trends in employment in food and drink processing; the impact of global supply chain management

<sup>1</sup> *The impact of global food chains on employment in the food and drink sector*, issues paper, TMFCE/2007, Sectoral Activities Programme, ILO, Geneva, 2007, 28 pp.

<sup>2</sup> TMFCE/2007/11.

on employment and work organization; future skills requirements; the role of social dialogue in globalized food chains; and future ILO activities for the food and drink sector.

**5. *The Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues may wish to recommend that the Governing Body authorize the Director-General to communicate the Note on the proceedings containing the texts mentioned in paragraph 4 above:***

***(i) to governments, requesting them to communicate these texts to the employers' and workers' organizations concerned;***

***(ii) to the international employers' and workers' organizations concerned; and***

***(iii) to the international organizations concerned.***

**6. *The Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues may also wish to recommend that the Governing Body request the Director-General to bear in mind, when drawing up proposals for the future work of the Office, the wishes expressed by the Meeting in the conclusions.***

Geneva, 22 January 2008.

*Points for decision:* Paragraph 5;  
Paragraph 6.