



## FOR INFORMATION

### FOURTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

## **Other matters arising out of the work of the 97th Session (2008) of the International Labour Conference**

### **Follow-up to the adoption of the resolution concerning the ILO's and the tripartite constituents' role in tackling the global food crisis**

1. On 12 June 2008, the 97th Session of the International Labour Conference adopted a resolution concerning the ILO's and the tripartite constituents' role in tackling the global food crisis.
2. The resolution called on the Governing Body to request the Director-General to consider allocating resources to enable the ILO to convene a tripartite technical workshop on the global food crisis and its impact on decent work. The purpose of the meeting would be: to take account of the work done by the Chief Executives Board (CEB) Task Force on the Global Food Crisis; to share with other UN agencies the expertise of the ILO tripartite partners on rural employment and poverty reduction; and to contribute to an informed discussion within the United Nations on the social and employment impact of food prices on decent work.
3. Subsequently, consultations were undertaken to consider how the proposed meeting could best address the impact of rising food prices on decent work in the medium and long term.
4. The Committee on Sectoral and Technical Meetings and Related Issues addressed this matter (see GB.303/STM/1(Add.)) and recommended that the Governing Body authorize the holding, in the first quarter of 2009, of a two-day tripartite technical workshop on the impact of the food price crisis on decent work:
  - in order “to take account of the work of the High-level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis, to share with other United Nations agencies the expertise of the ILO tripartite partners on rural employment and poverty reduction, and to contribute to an informed discussion within the United Nations on the social and employment impact of food prices on decent work”;

- to be composed of eight Employer and eight Worker participants;
- to be open to representatives of all interested governments and to representatives of the organizations participating on the UN High-level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis (GB.303/15); and
- to be funded from resources under the approved Programme and Budget for 2008–09.

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*Submitted for information.*