



FIFTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Sectoral activities 2010–11**Purpose, duration and composition of meetings to be held in 2010–11****Tripartite Workshop for the Development and Adoption of ILO Guidelines on Training in the Port Sector – New proposals from the Office**

1. In March 2009 the Governing Body decided that a three-day tripartite workshop for the development and adoption of ILO guidelines on training in the port sector would be held in Geneva in late 2011.¹ It would be composed of six Employer and six Worker participants and representatives of interested Governments, and would review draft guidelines prepared by the Office in consultation with constituents, as well as a report summarizing their comments.
2. Preparatory work began in 2009 and included informal consultations with constituents, relevant international organizations and institutions, and ILO units concerned. Consultations were carried out in particular through an informal working group of experts established in January 2010 to provide guidance in developing the draft guidelines, as decided by the Governing Body. In the course of the preparatory work it became clear that the importance of this activity would be higher than initially anticipated because its outcome would be the first industry sector training guidelines developed by the ILO through a tripartite process which might serve as a model for any similar development in the future. Moreover, the social partners have expressed the opinion that these guidelines are expected to have a significant impact on the future of the port sector.
3. Accordingly, the Office proposes that instead of a three-day tripartite workshop, a four-day sectoral tripartite meeting of experts be held. The composition as decided in March 2009 would be changed to five Government, five Employer and five Worker experts, with representatives of other interested Governments, Employers and Workers invited as observers at their own cost. The purpose of the meeting as decided by the Governing Body in March 2009 would remain unchanged.

¹ GB.304/STM/1, paras 18–20 and GB.304/PV, para. 216.

- 4. The Committee may wish to recommend that the Governing Body authorize:**
- (a) a change in the nature, title and duration of the Tripartite Workshop for the Development and Adoption of ILO Guidelines on Training in the Port Sector to the Tripartite Meeting of Experts for the Development and Adoption of ILO Guidelines on Training in the Port Sector, to be held for four days in December 2011 in Geneva;**
 - (b) the meeting to be composed of five Government, five Employer and five Worker experts, with representatives of other interested Governments, Employers and Workers invited as observers at their own cost.**

Geneva, 5 February 2010.

Point for decision: Paragraph 4.